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WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

Executive Committee Meeting - Windsor, February 1967

PRESENT:

Presidents:	The Archbishop of Canterbury	
	Archbishop Iakovos	
	Dr. David Moses	
	Dr. Martin Niemöller	
	Mr. Charles C. Parlin	
Officers:	Dr. Franklin Clark Fry	Chairman
	Principal J. Russell Chandran	Vice-Chairman
	Dr. Ernest A. Payne	Vice-Chairman
	Dr. Eugene Carson Blake	General Secretary
Members:	Professor C. G. Baëta	
	Bishop Sante Uberto Barbieri	
	Dr. Kathleen Bliss	
	Dr. Alford Carleton	
	Dr. Ivy Chou	
	Mr. Juan V. Faune	
	Professor J. L. Hromadka	
	Archbishop Gunnar Hultgren	
	Bishop Hans Lilje	
	Mr. Irwin Miller	
	His Eminence Metropolitan Nikodim	
Substitute:	Metropolitan Emilianos	
	(for Metropolitan Iakovos of Philadelphia)	
Consultants:	Sir Kenneth Grubb	
	Bishop J. K. Mathews	
	Bishop Vladimir	
Staff:	Rev. Paul Abrecht	Mr. F. Northam
	Dr. Charles Arbuthnot	Rev. Philip Potter
	Mr Axel von dem Bussche	Dr. Elfan Rees
	Rev. V.E.W. Hayward	Dr. Eugene Smith
	Mr. Charles Day	Mr. John Taylor
	Dr. R. M. Fagley	Father Paul Verghese
	Rev. A. van den Heuvel	Dr. Lukas Vischer
	Rev. Matti Joensuu	Rev. Michael de Vries
	Dr. Paul Löffler	Mr. Ralph Young
	Rev. A. D. Micheli	
	Dr. O. F. Nolde	
	Mrs. N. Nolde (for Mr. Maury)	

1. Opening Actions

The Chairman opened the meeting with worship in St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle.

The Committee then began its business session in the Library. The Committee was cordially greeted by its host, the Very Rev. Robin Woods, Dean of Windsor, and by our President, the Archbishop of Canterbury on behalf of the British Council of Churches.

2. Roll Call

The General Secretary called the roll and noted that the following were not able to be present:

Sir Francis Ibiam
Professor H. Berkhof
Metropolitan Iakovos of Philadelphia
Archbishop Frank Woods
Substitute: Metropolitan Emilianos (for Metropolitan Iakovos of Philadelphia)

3. Minutes of previous meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting held in Geneva on 8th-11th August, 1966, had been previously circulated and were ADOPTED.

4. General Secretary's Report

The General Secretary gave a comprehensive report ranging over the transition period of the two General Secretaries.

He spoke with regret of the death of a former President Bishop Dibelius who had been a member of the Executive Committee. He referred to the serious illness of Dr. Leslie Cooke and gave a progress report on his condition. Mr. Korula Jacob, Executive Secretary of the National Christian Council of India, had also been seriously ill for some weeks. Dr. Gerhard Brennecke had suffered a stroke but was making a good recovery.

(a) Staff

He then reported favourably on the new team working in the General Secretariat. However, with a number of vacancies occurring shortly in the top administration of the World Council, he was concerned that the importance should be

stressed of having representation on the staff from the Orthodox Churches as well as from the younger churches in developing countries.

(b) Central Committee: Crete

Plans for the meeting in the summer were well under way. Rev. Philip Potter had been asked to give the principal address on "The Evangelistic Concerns of the World Council of Churches". Dr. Blake suggested that Metropolitan Ignatios, Professor Hromadka and Dr. Schiotz be invited to give commentaries on the address. This suggestion was later discussed and approved by the Committee. (See Item no.8(a)).

(c) Fourth Assembly: Uppsala

Dr. Blake expressed his concern that the theme of "Development" would be properly emphasized at the Assembly. (See Item no. 5(a)(ii)).

(d) Structure Committee

Dr. Blake welcomed the presence of Bishop Mathews, Chairman of the Structure Committee, for Item 6 and referred to his paper on Structure to be forwarded for consideration of his Committee, after having been discussed by the Executive. (See Item 6).

(e) C.C.I.A.: The Hague Consultation

A progress report was given on the preparations for the consultation which is to review the work of the C.C.I.A. Dr. Blake spoke with appreciation of Dr. Nolde's and Dr. Rees' help in the plans as well as his special advisory committee which consists of:

Mr. Max Kohnstamm	Professor Z. K. Matthews
U Kyaw Than	Mr. Irwin Miller
Professor J. M. Lochman	Dr. Elfan Rees

(f) Publications

All World Council of Churches publications and periodicals were being reviewed and discussions were to take place to find improved means of circulation.

(g) Personnel

Dr. Blake had now assumed direct responsibility for personnel supervision and was working on various matters with the Personnel Officer, Mrs. Burton.

(h) Finance in general

Dr. Blake referred to a disappointment concerning funds which it had hoped to be received for the Research Institute although the plan had not been abandoned. He recommended that, should sufficient funds become available, purchase of land adjacent to the headquarters site would be a wise investment for the future whether or not immediate use could be made of adjacent land.

(i) Roman Catholic Relations

Concerning relations with Roman Catholics, Dr. Blake reported that several fields were being explored to encourage closer co-operation (See Item no.9).

(j) Official Visits

In conclusion, he summarized the various visits he had made during 1966/67 and those he proposed to make before the next meeting.

5. Fourth Assembly matters

(a) Programme (See Appendix I)

(i) Mr. Hayward presented a skeleton outline of the programme for the Assembly at Uppsala. The Chairman invited discussion. The following points emerged:

I "International affairs" should be brought forward on the programme, to allow sufficient time for discussion and drafting if necessary.

II It was felt that care should be taken in the placing of some items on the programme in order to avoid 'heaviness' (e.g. subjects such as "mass communication" and "education" on the same evening).

III It should be borne in mind that the Central Committee (following the Assembly) would need sufficient time to discuss matters referred to the Committee from the Assembly.

It was AGREED that

> Bearing the above criticisms in mind, a more detailed programme would be presented to the Central Committee for consideration in August 1967.

Mr. Hayward asked the Committee to give consideration to the proposal for the making of a special film to be shown on the first evening of the Assembly. After discussion, the general feeling was that although there were problems, the staff should be urged to pursue their investigations into the possibilities of production.

The Committee further AGREED that should their research prove fruitful, production of such a film should go forward under the following conditions:

(i) Although emphasis should be on quality, it should be remembered that only a limited amount of the Assembly Budget could be allocated. Aid, however, should be sought from member churches or the T.V. industry as any provision that could be made on the Assembly Budget, would certainly be inadequate.

(ii) The theme of the film should be a fresh reflection of the world's situation, as linked with the Assembly Theme.

(iii) It should also be suitable for use after the Assembly, particularly if the member churches had provided the funds or guaranteed them.

(iv) There were both limitations of time and number of staff available for producing a film before the next Assembly. Assistance from outside the World Council would have to be secured.

There would be a report on the staff's findings at the next meeting.

5 (a) (ii) <u>Theme "Development"</u>

Dr. Blake raised the question as to how much emphasis should be placed on "development" during the Assembly. Mr. Micheli was invited to give a report from the Inter-Divisional Staff Committee on Development and International Economic Justice. (See Appendix II).

There was general discussion but the Committee had no firm suggestions to offer as to how the subject should be dealt with at the Assembly. Dr. Blake promised to report further on the matter at the next Executive Committee.

5.(b) (i) Section Preparations

Mr. Hayward presented a document giving directives for the guidance of those preparing documents for the Assembly. The following directives were approved and ADOPTED:

A. 1. As Assembly succeeds Assembly, it becomes more important than ever that we should ask ourselves what are the more precise issues on which we need to speak today. We should avoid repetition of what past Assemblies have said, unless our words have a new topical significance or we can say them much better than before.

2. This indicates that we should make no attempt to be comprehensive, but should instead concentrate upon the relatively few subjects which we find most relevant to the contemporary situation and tasks of the Ecumenical Movement.

3. The more briefly we speak, the more chance we have of being heard.

4. We should not hesitate to admit having no wisdom to give on any point at issue, since recognition of what we can or cannot do is an aspect of our Christian witness.

B. 5. The six main documents should be drawn up under the headings of sharply formulated theses or clearly articulated issues. Under each heading the necessary explanation, argument or other annotation should be given. No document should exceed 2,500 words in length (about 4 normal single-spaced pages).

6. It is thus recognised that on any important issue on which a consensus would be impossible, the debate may be presented in 'Sic et Non' theses.

7. For each Section a commentary should be prepared along with the main document. This should not exceed 10,000 words in length. These commentaries will be discussed only in the Sections - they are not Assembly business - but a Section may, if necessary, refer to this commentary in its report to the Assembly.

8. Although the Sections have been given provisional titles, as has all along been specifically stated, the final titles are to be given after the documents have been drafted, they are to have a 'bite' to them, they need not be schematized, but they should be linked as far as possible with the main theme.

9. Each Section document should explicitly indicate its relatedness to the work of other Sections, but avoid duplication.

C. 10. The various sections at the Assembly will have to be given adequate freedom in the handling of their task, but they also should be urged to be brief. They should be encouraged to prepare a covering document, recommending how the churches can translate into their own thought and action the documents to be adopted by the Assembly. Briefing to the Sections must be given by the Assembly itself. Recommendations regarding this should be made by Central Committee (after the documents to be submitted to the Sections have become available).

D. 11. As preparatory work proceeds, it will be essential that all preliminary drafts be circulated among those most concerned with each of the six Sections.

12. All drafts must be handed in to the Section Co-ordinator by June 30 at the latest, even though further work has to be done on them before the 'scrambled groups' meet in August. Drafts for all six Sections, though not necessarily the final drafts, are to be given to all members of the 'scrambled groups', so that they may consider the bearing of each document upon all and all upon each. Each group, however, will deal directly with only the documents assigned to it.

13. It has been agreed that in the special case of Section I, the 'scrambled group' shall meet in April, instead of in August, since the Faith and Order Commission meets in July.

E. 14. The function of the'scrambled groups' will not be that of drafting, nor even that of directly amending, the documents to be submitted to the Sections, but to subject their drafts to the most thoroughgoing constructive criticism from all the various points of view represented in the composition of these groups.

15. At the conclusion of the work of the 'scrambled groups', the Section documents will be revised by small drafting committees, composed mainly of those who have all along been engaged in their preparation. These drafting committees will have a maximum of five members, and will include in each case the Chairman of the 'scrambled group' concerned and the Section Co-ordinator.

F. 16. Any proposals for substantive change will be made by the chairman of each drafting group to the Central Committee at Crete, to whom all Section documents will be sent for general approval as suitable for submission to the Assembly.

17. Immediately after Central Committee, the same drafting committees will finalize the text of the Section documents, in the light of any comments made by the Central Committee.

5 (b) (ii) Section Preparation

Mr Hayward presented a staff paper giving the lists of persons invited to serve on preparatory groups for Section I - VI.

After general discussion, it was AGREED that

any further suggestions from the Executive Committee should be given to Mr. Hayward and that the final choice of names should be left to the discretion of the General Secretary.

5 (b) (iii) Assembly Section Officers

Mr. Hayward presented for the approval of the Committee a list for Assembly Section Officers. After consideration, it was RESOLVED

(a) that there should be three officers instead of two, and

(b) that the second should be vice-chairman in each section.

After some discussion, the following list was APPROVED:

I	Chairman:	McCord	U.S.A.
	Vice-Chairman:	Sarkissian	Lebanon
	Secretary:	Miguez-Bonino	Argentina
II	Chairman:	Lakdasa de Mel	India (Ceylon)
	Vice-Chairman:	Arne Sovik	U.S.A.
	Secretary:	Colin Williams	Australia (U.S.A.
III	Chairman:	Lochman	Czechoslovakia
	Vice-Chairman:	Irwin Miller	U.S.A.
	Secretary:	M.M. Thomas	India
IV	Chairman:	Kohnstamm	Netherlands
	Vice-Chairman:	Mbanefo	Nigeria
	Secretary:	Tuller	U.S.A.
V	Chairman:	Meyendorff	U.S.A.
	Vice-Chairman		
	Secretary:	Lee-Woolf	U.K.
VI	Chairman:	Mrs. Birgit Rodhe	Sweden
	Vice-Chairman:	Takenaka	Japan
	Secretary:	David Jenkins	U.K.

The Committee further AGREED that

(c) the officers be given power to find a vice-chairman for Section V and to substitute other names, if invitations could not be accepted.

(d) Authorisation be given for the setting up of an Assembly Sections Preparation Committee, to be composed of the six sections chairmen, a comparable number of staff, and Mr. Hayward, as the Section Co-ordinator.

5 (c) Categories of Assembly Participants

Mr Hayward presented certain revisions to the section of the World Council of Churches rules dealing with composition of the Assembly. After discussion and re-drafting the Committee AGREED to accept the proposal that the paper be approved with the understanding that the question of participants from churches in association with the World Council should be investigated and discussed at the next meeting. The revised section runs as follows:

That, on the recommendation of Executive Committee and due notice of twenty-four hours having been given, paragraph III,4 be deleted and paragraph II,2 be amended as follows:

(2) Composition of the Assembly

(a) Members

Full membership of the Assembly is confined to delegates appointed by the constituent churches to represent them, and those persons designated ex officio in (b) below. In appointing their delegates, churches are urged not only to bear in mind the need for lay representation mentioned in paragraph V(i) of the Constitution but also to give due regard to the major interests of the Council. The Central Committee shall make regulations for the appointment by the member churches of alternates, to serve only in place of delegates who find themselves unable to attend any meetings of the Assembly.

(b) Presidents and Officers

The Presidents of the Council and the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of the Central Committee, if they are not appointed as delegates by their churches, shall be entitled to attend the Assembly with full right to speak and vote.

(c) Members of the retiring Central Committee

who have not been appointed as delegates shall be entitled to attend the Assembly, and shall have the right to speak with the Chairman's permission but not to vote.

(d) The Executive Committee is authorised to invite to attend the Assembly and to participate in its activities, with the right to speak with the Chairman's permission but not to vote:

i. Fraternal Delegates from organisations with which the World Council entertains relationships.

ii. Advisers - persons who have a special contribution to make to the deliberations of the Assembly or who have participated in the activities of the World Council. The appointment of an adviser from a member church will be subject to consultation with the church to which he belongs.

iii. Youth Participants

(e) Delegate-Observers

The Executive Committee is authorised to invite to the Assembly delegate-observers officially designated by non-member churches, to participate in its activities, with the right to speak at the invitation of the Chairman but not to vote.

(f) The Executive Committee is authorised to invite to attend the Assembly, but without the right to speak or vote:

i. Observers from churches or from organizations with which the World Council entertains relationship, but which are not represented by Delegate-Observers or Fraternal Delegates.

ii. Guests personally named.

It was also DECIDED that the Central Committee or Steering Committee could make regulations concerning guest attendance (2(f) ii. above) at all the meetings.

5 (d) List of Advisers

Mr. Hayward asked the Committee to consider the first list of advisers to attend the Assembly which had been compiled from recommendations made by members of the Executive. Dr. Blake emphasized that the lists were drawn up of people whose experience it was judged to be the most valuable. The Chairman invited comments and, from the ensuing discussion, it was AGREED to give provisional approval to the list, so that invitations could be sent as soon as it was known that the person on the list was not a member of his Church's delegation.

Permission was also granted to the Officers for a further fifty names to be selected for consideration at the next Executive Committee. Metropolitan Nikodim was invited to recommend names for such a list, so that adequate representation came from both the Orthodox and other churches of Eastern Europe. Any suggestions members had should be forwarded to Mr. Hayward within the next month.

5 (e) Fraternal Delegates

A list was presented to the Committee by Mr. Thomsen of organisations to be invited to send fraternal delegates

to the Fourth Assembly. After consideration a few changes were suggested. The Committee gave its approval to invitations being sent to those on the list. (See Appendix III).

5 (f) Observers at the Fourth Assembly

Mr. Thomsen asked the Executive Committee to authorise the sending of invitations to churches in association with the World Council of Churches inviting them to send one delegate-observer. He presented to the Committee a list of churches, persons, and organisations who had sent observers to the previous two Assemblies and members of the Executive Committee were asked for their advice as to which churches and organisations should be approached to send observers to the Fourth Assembly.

A number of comments were received and the Executive Committee gave authorisation to the General Secretary to use his discretion as to which churches and organisations should be encouraged to send observers and issue the necessary invitations with the understanding that the total number of observers thus invited would not exceed sixty-five, totalling both delegate observers and observers.

5 (g) Preparatory Volumes for the Fourth Assembly

Mr. Thomsen gave a report on the following items. (See Appendix IV).

1. Pre-Assembly Booklet

Copies of the booklet were circulated to the members of the Committee and Mr. Thomsen gave a progress report on the various translations of the English edition, which is likely to be a total of twenty-seven language editions of the booklet.

2. From New Delhi to Uppsala

The Committee had in their hands a summary of the volume at present in preparation. The following points were recommended for consideration during compilation.

(i) the section on the General Secretariat should cover the transition period between the old and new General Secretary -

a supplement written by Dr. Blake might fill this need.

(ii) It was noted that the development of the relationship with the Roman Catholic Church should be part of the report of the General Secretariat.

(iii) It was felt that the order of contents would need some adjustments.

The Committee APPROVED the outline, subject to the considerations noted above.

3. Assembly Work Book

The Committee noted that the divisions and departments were preparing recommendations for their future work. It was RESOLVED that the presentation of the documents, resulting from the divisional and departmental meetings in the summer, should be reported on to the Central Committee.

4. Sectional Documentation

Mr. Thomsen gave a general report on the position of the sectional documents. The Committee NOTED that when completed the material would be presented for amendment and approval by the Central Committee.

5 (h) Local Arrangements

Mr. Thomsen reported favourably on the preparations which were progressing satisfactorily. Members of staff had been considerably encouraged by the help received from Archbishop Hultgren as well as from a local committee and the city authorities.

The General Secretary would be visiting Uppsala within the next few weeks and a report will be presented to the Central Committee.

5 (i) Press accreditation and attendance at the Fourth Assembly

Mr. Taylor had found the physical arrangements at the Assembly were encouraging. Mr. de Vries had received a very positive approach from the Swedish Broadcasting Corporation and offers of permanent lighting equipment. temporary studios and additional staff had been received.

A paper containing principles on accreditation of members of the press and their participation in the Assembly was presented. The Committee gave approval to these rules (See Appendix V). Dr. Blake assured members of the Committee that all steps would be taken to watch that these rules be correctly applied.

5 (j) Committees: Nominations

On two recommendations from the Officers for Chairmen of the Press and Nomination Committees, the Executive Committee unanimously APPROVED the election of the following:

Bishop Brooke Mosley	Chairman, Press Committee
Dr. Z. K. Matthews	Chairman, Nominations Committee

6. Report to the Structure Committee (See Appendix VI)

The General Secretary presented his report to the Executive Committee (which he would submit to the Structure Committee at their meeting 16/18 February). He stressed that many of the changes envisioned therein would be affected by the present financial stringency. One solution he proposed to the problem would be to seek one candidate for the post of Associate General Secretary and Director of two divisions, namely the Division of Studies and the Division of Ecumenical Action. The Committee AGREED with his judgment.

It was noted that any decision as to a merger of two divisions would be taken by the Structure Committee and that such an action, if authorised, would need to be legislated at the Uppsala Assembly.

Dr. Blake also asked for the Committee's approval to the following "specific proposals regarding the strengthening of the General Secretariat":

1. the policy of using one Associate General Secretary as deputy when needed.

2. two Assistant General Secretaries to assist the General Secretary on internal administration and external relationships.

3. after Uppsala, and in harmony with proposals of the Structure Committee, the appointment of a third Assistant General Secretary (full-time) to be responsible for relationships with National and Regional Councils.

The Executive Committee gave general approval to these points on the understanding that they be refined and revised for final approval and submission by the Executive and the Structure Committees to the Central Committee.

Members of the Committee noted that in connection with the filling of vacancies among Associate General Secretaries, Orthodox candidates should have a priority of consideration. It would be necessary to seek separate funds outside the general budget for the creating of possible new junior posts for increased Orthodox staff.

The Executive RESOLVED that it would deal with any changes proposed by the General Secretary rising out of the Hague Consultation and recommendations formed by the Structure Committee, resulting from the deliberations of the consultation would be submitted by the Central Committee to the Fourth Assembly.

7 (a) Report of C.C.I.A.

Sir Kenneth Grubb reported on the current work of the Commission. Among other matters he mentioned preparations for the Hague Consultation, the developments regarding the new law on religious liberty in Spain, the question of the Nagas and the present position in Southern Rhodesia. He also drew the Committee's attention to the situation in Southern Sudan, in particular to the loss of life and refugee problem. He felt some formal recognition should be made of the courageous action of the All African Conference of Churches' delegation which recently visited Sudan.

Dr. Nolde reported on the completion by the U.N. General Assembly of the International Covenants on Human Rights, a Treaty on the Exploration of Outer-Space, and discussions regarding a treaty on non-proliferation of nuclear weapons. He also referred to the dangerous situation of food shortage expected over the next ten years. Finally, in connection with Vietnam, he suggested that the Committee might like to make some pronouncement on the current situation there. The Committee AGREED that a draft should be prepared. After consideration of

the first draft, the Committee ADOPTED the following statement:

The Executive Committee of the World Council of Churches in session at Windsor, England, 13-16 February 1967, notes with regret that the United States, after only a brief interval, has deemed it necessary to resume the bombing of North Vietnam. We share the disappointment and anxiety of many people around the world at the failure of contending parties as yet to proceed from the Christmas and New Year cease-fire to meaningful negotiation. We still believe there is room for cautious hope.

We are concerned to see conditions created for the eventual full and peaceful self-determination of the Vietnamese people and towards this end the earliest possible withdrawal of all foreign troops. But the task which now confronts all mankind is how to get started on the road to peace and this is the question to which we address ourselves.

Peace cannot be made by either side alone. We therefore urge all parties, in the interests of greater justice, no matter for what reasons they are still fighting, to take steps now to test the worth of negotiation rather than warfare.

This then is the heart of our appeal. Let each party, by its own initiatives and its response to those of others, demonstrate that it is committed to peaceful settlement and is ready to take reasonable risks. To illustrate how responsibility to break the current impasse may be met, we suggest the following interrelated points:

(1) In seeking to create the possibility of negotiations, the United States should stop the bombing of North Vietnam.

(2) North Vietnam, either in advance of or in response to the cessation of bombing, should indicate by word and deed its readiness to move towards negotiation.

(3) South Vietnam should not oppose but should move towards negotiations and should further agree that the National Liberation Front (Vietcong) be represented at them.

(4) Recalling that the fourteen nations, participants in the Geneva Conference, including the People's

Republic of China, still have a stake in the issue, the U.S.S.R. and the United Kingdom as continuing co-Chairmen should persevere in and intensify their present efforts, and the members of the International Control Commission - India, Canada and Poland - should be ready to assist in the supervision of a cease-fire.

(5) All governments, even though not directly involved, should seek to rally public support for a cessation of the conflict.

(6) All parties more directly involved should take full account of the recommendations of the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

While all these responsibilities may not be met, we are convinced that action by enough governments along these lines may mark a decisive turning-point. The responsibility for political decision is a grave one and Christians pray for those who bear it. The Churches draw encouragement from the fact that a common awareness of Christian responsibility is emerging in increasing measure and declare themselves eager to co-operate with all men of good will in grasping the opportunities at hand to open the way to peaceful settlement and long overdue reconstruction.

It was AGREED that:

The Executive Committee of the World Council of Churches adopts the above statement and authorises its transmission to:

1. Heads of State or Government (and in some cases Foreign Ministries) of the United States, North Vietnam, South Vietnam (National Liberation Front), U.S.S.R., United Kingdom, India, Canada, Poland, The Peoples Republic of China, the Secretary General of the United Nations, the President of the U.N. (the Heads of all permanent Missions to the United Nations in New York).

2. Furthermore the Executive Committee commends this statement to the Member Churches of the World Council of Churches and National Councils recommending that they take such steps as may be open to them in their countries, to create sentiment looking towards the early cessation of hostilities.

3. And that the General Secretary be instructed to send the statement to some churches outside the membership of the World Council and to Confessional Bodies.

The Committee also recorded the following minute on the C.C.I.A. Report:-

The Committee heard with approval the report of the officers of C.C.I.A. In this connection it records the following minute, and encourages and supports C.C.I.A. initiatives to help secure appropriate international action:

1. Deep and growing concern must be aroused by the narrowing margins of subsistence for vast numbers of human beings in the poorer societies, as indigenous food production tends to lag behind population growth and world food reserves diminish. Even though many developing countries are undertaking programmes to promote family planning, essential to any humane solution, no early reduction of population pressures is to be anticipated. The danger of massive famines, particularly in Asia in a bad crop year, continues to grow. Therefore, it is doubly urgent that vigorous international cooperative action be undertaken to accelerate food production and to build up food reserves against emergency needs.

2. We recognise that the value of the recent action of the Security Council of the United Nations on the Rhodesia crisis to impose specified economic sanctions, depends on the integrity and faithfulness with which it is supported by the nations and their citizens. Recognising that the effectiveness of these measures remains to be demonstrated, we consider that they provide the better immediate alternative to the dark road of violence.

3. The prospect of agreement between the major nuclear powers on a Non-Proliferation treaty promises a further step forward towards controlling the nuclear threat to mankind, in the direction in which the C.C.I.A. has consistently pressed. It remains, however, to find a means of involving in the agreement every nation possessing nuclear arms, of providing safeguards for the non-nuclear states, as well as of sharing widely the advanced technology associated with the production of a nuclear armoury.

4. The depositing of a treaty to prevent military exploitation of outer space, and its unanimous commendation by the U.N. General Assembly, marks a significant forward

step in achieving arms control, which will have increasing importance as space exploration continues to develop. This action is in conformity with the long standing concern of the World Council of Churches expressing the view that military rivalries on earth are too dangerous to project into outer space.

5. In accordance with the commitments made by governments at San Francisco in 1945, and following the proclamation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948, the 21st Assembly of the United Nations adopted two Covenants - one on Political and Civil Rights, and the other on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights - and also an optional Protocol. From its inception the C.C.I.A. has given high priority to the development of international standards, paying particular attention to religious freedom and associated rights. The worth of these new instruments will be tested by the readiness of governments to ratify them, and thereafter by the extent to which domestic practice complies with their provisions.

In the course of discussion of this minute, Mr. Miller expressed concern about the food shortage and felt that society had not awakened to the gravity of the situation. He urged that the World Council of Churches make some prophetic message in the near future. Bishop Lilje endorsed Mr. Miller's remarks and said it was very necessary to arouse public concern.

In connection with the above formal minute, officers of the C.C.I.A. will circulate to members of the Committee the following documents:

1. Memorandum on Selected Actions by the U.N. 21st Assembly.

2. The Growing Threat of Famine - The Food Gap

3. An Analysis of Provisions in the International Covenants of Human Rights.

The Executive Committee heard the report on the recent visit to the Sudan of a good will mission of the All Africa Conference of Churches. It was noted with gratitude that on this occasion, a number of specific points regarding the life of the Churches in that country were discussed with officials of the Government. The Committee wished to express to the All Africa Conference of Churches its appreciation for the steps thus taken and to assure the leaders of A.A.C.C. of the World Council of Churches' support and solidarity in this situation.

(b) The Hague Consultation

Dr. Blake then reported in detail on the preparations for the Hague Consultation. An advisory committee had been formed and would be meeting with the General Secretary before and after the consultation. The agenda had been prepared under five points (See Appendix VII). He also reported on the number of acceptances so far received.

In conclusion, he said that from the financial point of view, the budget had not yet been fully underwritten and members were invited to explore other sources for funds. A report on the findings of the consultation would be discussed with the C.C.I.A. and the Structure Committee and would be presented by the General Secretary at the summer meetings of the Executive and Central Committees for proposals to the Fourth Assembly.

8. Central Committee: Crete

(a) Programme

The theme for the Central Committee at Crete described as "The evangelistic concerns of the World Council of Churches" was unanimously APPROVED. The Committee also favoured the suggestion that Rev. Philip Potter should give the principal address and that Professor J. L. Hromadka, Dr. F. A. Schiotz and Metropolitan Ignatios should be the first three commentators on the subject.

(b) Practical Arrangements

On recommendations from Mr. Thomsen, the Committee AGREED the following:-

1. That the Officers should make courtesy calls in Athens on the morning of Saturday, 12th August, on the Archbishop, the Government and the Moderator of the Greek Evangelical Church.

2. That invitations to give welcoming addresses in Heraklion should be extended to

   (a) Metropolitan of Crete

   (b) The Mayor of Heraklion

   (c) Governmental representatives

   (d) The Moderator of the Greek Evangelical Church

It was reported that the Metropolitan of Crete had requested that the World Council of Churches nominate a non-Orthodox preacher for the Liturgy on Sunday, 20th August, and that the S.E.G. had suggested Dr. Blake. The Executive Committee APPROVED the proposal that Dr. Blake should accept the invitation.

9. Relations with Roman Catholics

Dr. Vischer gave a wide ranging report on developments in relations with Roman Catholics. He spoke of the realisation of decisions of the Vatican Council which were proceeding well. Bilateral conversations between the Catholic Church and world families of churches had increased.

Since last August the work of the Joint Working Group had advanced although the whole range of activities of the smaller groups had become more complicated. However, he hoped to report to the Central Committee in the summer on some of the first conclusions and he felt these findings would be of particular interest to the member churches at the Assembly.

He also reported on the following:

1. The Theological Commission on Catholicity and Apostolicity will meet in May and a report will possibly be ready by the Assembly.

2. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity leaflet will in future be prepared by a common effort of World Council of Churches and the various Roman Catholic agencies for promoting prayer for unity.

He also made mention of the contacts made over international affairs in particular the seeking of world peace. It was encouraging to see contacts developing.

Dr. Vischer then covered items which had been listed by the Central Committee as problems which needed future study. The subject of mixed marriages was of particular interest. The instructions issued on this subject had been disappointing although it was recognised that the problem was difficult to deal with at a universal level. A sub-committee has been appointed and will meet at the beginning of March.

Finally, Dr. Vischer reported that

1. Rev. Raymond George from U.K. had attended the Commission on Liturgy as an observer at its October meeting. The Committee decided that no action was necessary to renominate him as an observer as this was covered in the previous minutes.

2. In connection with the Secretariat for Non-Believers, the Committee decided that, as the Secretariat's terms of reference had not been finally settled, it would continue to send a representative with the status of observer. When the terms of reference had been made final, the whole position would be reviewed

10. Report of the Division of Ecumenical Action

Father Verghese reported that action was required on only one item: the nomination of six observers on behalf of the World Council of Churches to attend the Third World Congress on the Lay Apostolate of the Roman Catholic Church, to be held in Rome in October 1967. Six names had been put forward for nomination, and if any of these should be chosen to represent their own Church, he hoped the Executive Committee would give the General Secretary authority to propose alternates in their place. The six names were:

Dr. Klaus von Bismarck	(W. Germany)
Mrs. Annie Jiagge	(Ghana)
Mrs. van Hengel	(Holland)
Dr. Hans-Ruedi Weber	(Switzerland)
Mr. Ralph Young	(Canada)
Mr. C. I. Itty	(India)

The Executive APPROVED the proposal to send these six observers or their alternates to the Congress.

11. Report of the Division of Studies

Mr Hayward gave a brief comprehensive report of the Division's programmes and activities since last summer, drawing special attention to recent publications. In dealing with Faith and Order matters, he asked for the Executive's approval for seeking financial resources for the Study of Spirit, Order and Organisation as it was hoped to obtain from certain trusts the amount of $25,000

in order to carry through the research adequately. The Committee gave approval to the study as a programme project.

Mr. Abrecht presented a report on the follow-up of the Church and Society Conference. He recommended that the evaluation process of the conference should be started quickly so that the Uppsala Assembly could be informed that the mind of the churches had been ascertained in looking at the results of the conference. Dr. Blake promised that the Finance Committee would submit proposals for the cost of the evaluation if the Committee approved it.

The motion was carried:

> The Executive Committee gives approval under the normal Programme Project procedures for an evaluation of the World Conference on Church and Society, continuing the process started there, to prepare for presentation of the results of the Conference at Uppsala with the prospect of additional consultations to cover the specific points which required further development or evaluation.

12. New York Office

Dr. Eugene Smith reported on the wide coverage given in U.S.A. to the Church and Society Conference. Ecumenical liaison officers had been appointed by a number of church headquarters and a meeting between them and Geneva staff was to take place in Geneva in May 1967. He mentioned the satisfactory Roman Catholic relationships at the recent N.C.C.C. Miami Conference. He also spoke of the increasing ties between New York and Canada and referred to revised constitution of the C.C.C.

On the financial side, he said that while giving to the World Council of Churches in the years after the war increased proportionately with increased church income, on the other hand, now that church income was falling off giving to the World Council of Churches was not falling off proportionately but the churches were holding to a great extent to their promises.

Finally, he spoke highly of the work of Dr. Philip Johnson and added that it was hoped shortly to appoint another man who would be responsible for increasing gifts for special projects.

The Executive Committee ADOPTED the paper he presented on relations between the World Council of Churches, the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. and the United States Conference for the World Council of Churches (See Appendix VIII).

13. Division of World Mission and Evangelism

Mr Potter reported on the present position of the Division. As he had only recently started his work, it would not be an extensive report, but he felt that he should record thanks to Rev. Alan Brash who had conducted the affairs of the division so well from April to December 1966.

He drew attention particularly to the discussions on the Healing Ministry of the Church following the Consultation at Tübingen in 1964. In September, there is to be a consultation of theologians on Healing and Salvation. Proposals are now being formulated for a Commission on Medical Work. It is hoped that they will be presenting a report to the Central Committee this summer.

In March, the London office of the D.W.M.E. is to close and the staff of the division will now be consolidated in Geneva. It has also been decided to have one office only for the Theological Education Fund and that will be in London.

Finally, the Committee gave approval to the following recommendations:

1. D.W.M.E. Divisional Committee

that Dr. Jacques Rossel, of the Swiss Protestant Church Federation, previously a Consultant to the Divisional Committee, be appointed a member as from 1st December 1966.

2. Committee on the Church and the Jewish People

that the Rev. Daniel Louys of the Lutheran Church in France be appointed a member as from 1st December 1966.

3. Theological Education Fund Committee

that the Rev. Dr. Chung Choon Kim of the Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea, be appointed a member as from 1st March 1967.

14. Division of Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Service

Dr. Blake invited Dr. Arbuthnot to give a report on the division. At the same time, De. Blake took the opportunity to thank him for carrying out the duties as acting director of the division so competently during the illness of Dr. Cooke.

In his introduction to the report, Dr. Arbuthnot explained that the paragraph concerning Dr. Cooke had been written some weeks prior to Dr. Cooke's second operation after which his condition took such a serious turn (See Appendix IX).

The Committee received the report of the Acting Director and AGREED to the proposal that Dr. André Appel be replaced on the Divisional Committee by Pasteur Albert Nicolas.

15. Report on Department of Information

Mr. de Vries said that apart from Miss Frances Smith joining the department to replace Miss Nancy Lawrence there was nothing specific to report since the Committee's last meeting.

Bishop Lilje and Mr. de Vries reported to the Committee on the recent meeting to consider mass communications. With the co-operation of specialists in this field, the group hoped to reach concrete conclusions in the near future which would be presented finally at the Assembly, subject to authorisation of the Executive Committee in February 1968.

Mr. Parlin brought the attention of the Committee to the recent success of the first issues of EPS with photographs. Demands for more photographs had been received.

16. Staffing Commitee Report

The report of the Staffing Committee in closed session was approved and circulated to the Committee as a separate document.

17. Report of Finance Sub-Committee

Dr. Niemöller called upon Mr. Northam to present the report of the Finance Sub-Committee, which is reproduced below with the discussion and any action taken in the Executive Committee reported after each section of the report.

I. General Budget

"(1) The Finance Sub-Committee, viewing together the immediate and the longer-term positions, found itself faced with a more difficult financial situation in respect of operations under the General Budget than has arisen at any previous time during the eighteen years since the Amsterdam Assembly. It would appear that the growth in income is not continuing as in past years. Inflation has become more noticeable. The financial position is eased less than in past years by economies arising from vacant posts or under-spending against the budgets of units within the structure, and this seems likely to remain true in this pre-Assembly period. New developments, such as relations with the Roman Catholic Church, involve increased expense. There is some increase in expense following the change in the General Secretaryship. And, viewing the long-term position, a problem arises from the fact that Programme Project procedures have been used since New Delhi to permit maintenance of activities notwithstanding the inadequacy of General Budget income; either further Programme Project resources must be found or increased General Budget income is needed if activities are not to be reduced after the Fourth Assembly.

(2) The Finance Sub-Committee is convinced that the financial problems do not reflect any decision by the member churches that they do not wish the World Council to carry forward the presently approved programme of work, or to face up to the new opportunities and responsibilities which are developing. The Finance Sub-Committee, therefore, considers that emergency action, such as would not be envisaged under normal circumstances, is justified and called for. The subsequent paragraphs therefore propose: that allocations to the Reserve for the Expenses of the Fourth Assembly be not made from the General Budgets for 1966, 1967, and 1968; (other measures to finance the Fourth Assembly are proposed later in this report;) that allocations to the General Reserve be not made from the General Budget for the same three years; and that authority be given for special resources to be sought to finance activities which would otherwise be chargeable

to the General Budget in 1967 and 1968. Notwithstanding these measures, it is foreseen that deficits will be unavoidable on operations under the General Budgets for 1967 and 1968. The Finance Sub-Committee recommends:

> that the Executive Committee direct that operations be so conducted that the accumlated deficit on the General Budget shall not exceed $100,000 by the end of 1968."

Mr. Miller pointed out that the Executive Committee members, as stewards, have two responsibilities: to ensure prudent management; and to call the situation to the attention of Central Committee and the member churches. For the W.C.C. to keep abreast of its present position of influence, it would probably be necessary for income to be doubled after the Fourth Assembly. The Central Committee and the member churches should be clearly informed that an increase of only one third in income would mean a declining influence of W.C.C., in face of new opportunities and developments.

Dr. Blake reported that some of the factors causing the difficult financial situation and mentioned above had become known only during the two weeks preceeding the Executive Committee meeting.

It seemed necessary to choose between operating with considerable deficits and even so having no resources during the coming years for pursuing new opportunities and meeting new responsibilities or else reviewing structure. He had expressed in his paper for the Structure Committee his view that the present structure is too complex and too intricate in view of the available financial resources - the staff is spread too thin with too many departments and units. Unpleasant though it was to face such a situation immediately after entry into office, he must report that he had found it necessary to give urgent consideration at short notice to emergency measures and to review and suggest revision of proposals which would otherwise have been submitted for the development of programme and staffing. The only other solution would be to find additional income.

After discussion, the Executive Committee AGREED to adopt the recommendation in paragraph 2.

(a) <u>General Budget 1966</u>

"(3) The first estimates of actual expenditure under the General Budget in 1966, omitting the allocations of $20,000 to the General Reserve and of $30,000 to the

Assembly Reserve, show expenditure totalling $944,814. This must be compared with the approved level of expenditure which, after exclusion of the allocations to reserves, amounts to $940,000.

(4) The figures are, of course, still provisional and subject to adjustment for any further entries which may come to light in relation to 1966. Income for 1966 cannot yet be firmly stated. It is at present estimated at $958,000 but there is uncertainty at a number of points. The final total could prove to be a little higher.

(5) In view of the position foreseen in respect of 1967 and 1968, the Finance Sub-Committee agreed to recommend that the Executive Committee:

(i) authorise the closing of the accounts for operations under the General Budget in 1966 without the allocations of $20,000 to the General Reserve or $30,000 to the Assembly Reserve, subject to subsequent approval of this action by the Central Committee.

(ii) note that, if those allocations are omitted, there will probably be a small surplus - perhaps $10,000 to £20,000 - on the final accounts for operations under the General Budget in 1966; and

(iii) agree that any surplus or deficit on the final accounts for operations under the General Budget in 1966 shall be credited or charged to the Special Reserve."

The Executive Committee AGREED to adopt the three recommendations in paragraph 5.

(b) <u>General Budget 1967</u>

"(6) The Finance Sub-Committee noted that, if allocations to the General Reserve and the Assembly Reserve are omitted in 1967, the suggested level of expenditure amounts in total to $1,030,000. It is difficult accurately to estimate 1967 income. There are very few cases in which it is known that member church contributions will rise. It is entirely possible that interest earnings will be lower in 1967 than they were in 1966 - a year in which they reached the highest level so far attained. The best estimate of income in 1967 that can now be made is $970,000. Even that figure cannot be regarded as fully assured but it is perhaps more probable that 1967 income

may be a little higher. The foregoing figures thus imply a deficit on 1967 operations of about $60,000. There should, however, be a balance brought forward to 1967 of about $20-30,000 in the Special Reserve - made up of $18,377 brought forward from 1965 plus any surplus on 1966 operations - which could be applied in reduction of that deficit. The Finance Sub-Committee agreed to recommend:

> that approval be given to a General Budget for 1967 totalling $1,030,000 and including no allocations to the General Reserve or the Assembly Reserve.

The position and the above action will, of course, be reviewed again at the Central Committee meeting in August."

Bishop Barbieri asked whether the financing of the Fourth Assembly could be assured without allocations from the General Budget. Dr. Fry indicated that proposals as to how this could be done appear later in the report.

The Executive Committee AGREED to adopt the recommendation in paragraph 6.

(c) General Budget 1968

"(7) Under present circumstances it is necessary to review prospects for 1968, even though no action is needed at this meeting. There is at present no reason to foresee any significant rise in income for the General Budget in 1968. There will be some saving of expense, since the Assembly Budget will carry the expense of the Assembly and there will be no separate meeting of the Central Committee or of Divisional and Departmental Committees, whereas the suggested approved level for 1967 includes about $25,000 for the 'summer meetings'. It is planned that the Assembly Budget shall bear the travel of Executive Staff to the Assembly and the expense of other travel by Executive Staff will be lighter in an Assembly year than in a normal year. On the other hand, there will be no balance left in the Special Reserve by the end of 1967 and there seems no reason to expect other than that costs will continue to rise by reason of inflation. The general conclusion might thus be that the General Budget for 1968 would, on the basis of present expectations as to income and of the maintenance of the present staff and programme of work, show a deficit. The deficit might again be of the order of $60,000, raising the total net accumulated deficit at the end of 1968 to a figure of or near $100,000."

The Executive Committee received the information in paragraph 7.

(d) Needs after Fourth Assembly

"(8) It is essential that, from the present meeting of the Executive Committee, there be given some indication to the member churches of the probable action to be proposed to the Fourth Assembly in respect of the level of member church contributions needed in 1969 and the following years. Indeed, it is already late for advance notice to be given of 1969 needs in the case of some member churches which plan their budgets several years in advance. Whereas before the Evanston Assembly, the Committee on Structure and Function examined the possible level and structure of the General Budget in the period following that Assembly and, in the period prior to New Delhi, the Committee on Programme and Finance undertook a similar study, no detailed study of that nature has been possible in this past period by reason of the recent change in the General Secretaryship. It would therefore now appear necessary to make some judgment in the light of general considerations. After full discussion, the Finance Sub-Committee came to the conclusion that the maintenance of the presently approved programme of activities will be possible only if an increase in member church contributions of one-third beginning in 1969 is requested and that the financial position and outlook of the member churches is such that this is probably as large an increase as can at this time be requested. It may well be that some member churches can and should make a greater increase but it would appear that the most reasonable indication which can be given to member churches at this time is that an increase of one-third will probably be requested by the Fourth Assembly.

(9) Past experience clearly suggests that such a request by the Fourth Assembly will not produce a full response in 1969 and that income in that year will not rise by the full amount of $300,000 to $310,000. On the other hand, it would seem that we must reckon with continuing inflation and some increase in responsibilities and activities. There may be a further increase in income in 1970 by comparison with 1969 by reason of some late response and this would help to meet further inflationary rises in costs, but it would seem wise to advise the member churches that a further increase in contributions of the order of 25% of the increased level is likely to become necessary beginning in 1972, primarily to meet the effects of inflation. The Finance Sub-Committee

therefore agreed to recommend:

(i) that the member churches be advised that it is considered probable that the Fourth Assembly will request an increase of one-third in membership contributions to the General Budget beginning in 1969;

(ii) that the member churches be advised that it is considered likely that a further increase of 25% of the increased level of contributions will become necessary from 1972, mainly by reason of the effects of inflation; and

(iii) that it be reported to the Central Committee meeting in August that the Executive Committee has given this advance notice to all member churches.

The position will, of course, be reviewed further by the Central Committee at that meeting."

Dr. Payne suggested that in (ii), the text be amended to read "a further increase of at least 25%". He further suggested that in (i), the text be amended to read "an increase of an average of one third". Mr. Northam suggested that "average" was not the appropriate qualification; it might be better explicitly to state that all member churches would be asked to make an increase of at least one third and further to examine whether, to bring their contributions into fair relationship to the contributions of other member churches, they should not make a greater increase. Dr. Payne accepted this suggested revision. Mr. Miller asked that it be made clear that the suggested increases would only permit the World Council to maintain its programme and allow for no growth whatsoever. Dr. Baeta pointed out that this would be a valuable addition, particularly in view of the resistence to growth in programme expressed at the Central Committee meeting in 1963.

Following this discussion, the Executive Committee AGREED to adopt the recommendations in the following modified form:

(i) That the member churches be advised that it is considered probable that the Fourth Assembly will request an overall increase of at least one third in membership contributions to the General Budget, beginning in 1969. The expression "overall increase" is used to indicate that each member church should make an increase of at least one third in contribution but recognises the fact that it is probable that some member churches can and

should make a greater increase, in order to bring their contributions to a level representing a more fair share in the total financing of the work.

(ii) That the member churches be advised that it is considered likely that a further increase of contributions will become necessary from 1972, mainly by reason of the effects of inflation. It is thought probable that it may be necessary to request a further increase of at least 25% of the increased level of contributions beginning in 1972.

(iii) That it be reported to the Central Committee meeting in August that the Executive Committee has given this advance notice to all member churches.

The Executive Committee further AGREED that in communicating the above indications to the member churches, it should express its misgivings that even these increases would not permit the World Council to continue the effective fulfilment of the role given to it by the member churches.

II. Programme Projects

(a) World Conference on Church and Society - July 1966

"10. A provisional statement of income and expenditure on the World Conference indicates that income, taking the authorised sum of $185,000 from Programme Project contributions and adding special contributions for travel subsidies and income from registration fees, amounted to $218,045 and total expenditure amounted to $233,757. The provisional statement thus shows a deficit of $15,712. Under the authorisation given for up to $20,000 extra to be taken from Programme Project resources, it would thus, on present figures, be possible to close the conference accounts without deficit.

11. A final report will, of course, be presented to the August meeting of the Central Committee. It will, however, be necessary before that meeting to close the accounts for 1966. The Finance Sub-Committee agreed to recommend:

that the authority be confirmed for up to $20,000 to be drawn from Programme Project resources, over and above the approved allocation of $185,000, to cover any deficit shown by the final accounts for the World Conference on Church and Society.

12. It is clear from the foregoing report that no resources are at present available for "follow-up" on the World Conference. The Finance Sub-Committee, meeting before the opening of the Executive Committee meeting, agreed to recommend:

> that if the Executive Committee should give approval to a programme for "follow-up" on the World Conference on Church and Society, authority should also be granted for resources to finance such a "follow-up" programme to be sought under Programme Project procedures, in such a manner that requests do not conflict with approaches for gifts for higher priority needs."

In reply to a question from Dr. Fry, Mr. Northam reported that there are in fact at this time no Programme Project resources from which the additional $20,000 suggested in paragraph 11 could be drawn and that it would, as reported in the next sub-section, be necessary to secure additional Programme Project resources to cover the present deficit and any additional Programme Project expenditure incurred. In reply to Dr. Baeta, Mr. Northam explained that substantial contributions to Programme Project funds have been received without designation, so that those resources can be allocated to particular projects at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

In reference to the recommendation in paragraph 12, it was noted that the Executive Committee had already given approval for the "follow-up" programme on the World Conference on Church and Society.

The Executive Committee then AGREED to adopt the recommendations in paragraphs 11 and 12.

(b) List of Programme Projects - 1963/68

13. The position at the end of 1966 can be summarised as follows:

(i) the total of the original askings was $565,000;

(ii) the total presently authorised expenditure is $467,500, plus, eventually, up to an additional $20,000 for the World Conference on Church and Society; and

(iii) the total of contributions received or assured is $456,959.

14. The as yet unauthorised elements of the original list of Programme Projects are as follows:

Laity	$ 42,500
Co-operation	8,000
Evangelism	27,500
Faith and Order	27,500
	$ 105,500

The degree of urgency of the need to raise an additional amount of $105,500 is a matter of programme judgment. It would appear highly desirable that some resources should be secured - perhaps $20 to 30,000 at least - to permit additional authorisations to be granted.

15. There is thus need to raise about $30,000 to cover presently authorised expenditure, including the extra $20,000 for the World Conference on Church and Society, and to raise an additional amount of at least $20-30,000 to cover a part of the as yet unauthorised elements of the original list of Programme Projects.

16. The position has deteriorated since the report made last August by reason of the need to delete from the list of assured contributions still to be received, an amount of $50,000 which had been expected from Germany. It is not out of the question that some further contributions may be received from Germany but the amount of $50,000 previously considered as assured can no longer be so regarded.

17. It is of course difficult to secure further contributions in respect of activities which have already taken place. Endeavours will be made to secure further contributions in respect of that relatively small part of the total activities covered by the original list of Programme Projects which is still to be carried out in the future."

The Executive Committee received the information in the foregoing section.

III. Proposed Extension of Headquarters Properties

"18. It is now estimated that the total resources in the Headquarters Properties Fund, including some contributions assured but not yet received, exceed all expenses incurred by an amount of Fr. 1,109,000, made up of Fr. 459,000 already received, plus about Fr.650,000 still expected as additional contributions.

19. It was reported last August that the Ecumenical Centre is now almost fully occupied and that it is necessary to consider whether one of the wings should be extended. Authority was granted for funds to be sought under Programme Project procedures. No gifts have yet been secured.

20. Further study of the problem reveals that two additional floors could be added to the Jura wing, providing 48 additional offices, for an expenditure estimated at Fr. 780,000. If work were started this Spring, the two additional floors could be completed this year.

21. Experience has also shown the need for additional office space in the library building. Extra space could be created to contain additional offices at the back of the library building and the expenditure is estimated at roughly Fr.100,000.

22. The Finance Sub-Committee agreed to recommend:

> that authority be granted for two floors to be added to the Jura Wing of the Ecumenical Centre, at an estimated cost of about Fr. 780,000 and extra office accommodation be added to the library building, at an estimated cost of about Fr. 100,000, provided that confirmation is secured that the contributions totalling about Fr. 650,000 which are still expected for the Headquarters Properties Fund may be confidently regarded as assured income and provided that further study confirms that the expenditure on the additons to the buildings is within the limits of the resources available in the Headquarters Properties Fund."

In reply to Mr. Miller, Mr. Northam explained that the operating costs are charged to the budgets of the various units in proportion to the space occupied. Mr. Parlin drew attention to the interpretation problem of explaining in the light of the serious financial problems arising in respect of operations under the General Budget, a decision to extend the Headquarters Properties. It was pointed out that the need for increased space arises from developments in operations other than those financed under the General Budget. Dr. Baeta asked whether it might not be more important to secure additional land for possible future extensions. Dr. Blake welcomed the raising of this problem. Land surrounding the Ecumenical Centre is being sold. It would be most advantageous and desirable if special gifts could be secured to purchase further land. The

balance in the Headquarters Properties Fund, although sufficient for the planned extensions, would, however, not be sufficient to purchase any appreciable area of land. Bishop Lilje pressed the question of using available resources to buy extra land. Dr. Blake pointed out that there will be a growth in staff financed under budgets other than the General Budget and there is no office accommodation available.

After full discussion, the Executive Committee AGREED to adopt the recommendation in paragraph 22.

IV. Budget for Fourth Assembly

"23. The Executive Committee, in August 1966, gave provisional approval to a first budget for the Fourth Assembly totalling $418,000. The Finance Sub-Committee examined a suggested revised budget, prepared after a careful re-examination of all of the detailed budget lines in the Assembly Budget. The revisions implied the need to increase the budget by $41,400 to $459,400. At this date, precise estimation of expenditure is difficult at several points. In particular, there is uncertainty regarding:

(i) rent of hall and rooms - the provision of $10,000 should be adequate and may be higher than necessary;

(ii) bus and transportation services - a final solution has not yet been worked out and expense could be greater than or lower than the provision of $30,000; and

(iii) travel subsidies - the provision of $30,000 will most certainly not be adequate unless considerable help is received from churches, mission boards, etc., outside the attached budget, toward the travel of participants.

For these reasons, it is considered wise to maintain the provision for unforeseen expenses at $50,000.

24. At present, resources totalling about $375,000 can be foreseen for the Assembly Budget. There is thus need of further resources totalling about $85,000 to cover the full expenditure budget. The following are the possible sources from which the necessary additional funds to finance the Fourth Assembly might be secured:

(i) Contributions from Other Countries

Intensive efforts must now be undertaken to

secure contributions from countries other than those from which support is already assured, i.e. Germany, Sweden, U.K. and U.S.A.

(ii) D.I.C.A.R.W.S. and D.W.M.E.

These two Divisions operate under separate budgets, separately administered and financed. Since the Assembly is the supreme body concerned with all programmes and activities of the World Council of Churches, it would be reasonable if those two Divisions could make a contribution from their own resources towards the cost of the Assembly.

(iii) Foundations and Individuals

Consideration must be given to whether any special gifts from individuals or foundations can be secured for the Assembly Budget.

25. It must again be underlined that, in addition to endeavours to secure contributions to the basic budget of the Fourth Assembly, it will be necessary to secure the maximum help from churches, mission boards and societies, etc. in financing the travel of participants, particularly from the younger churches and distant areas, to Uppsala for the Assembly.

26. The Finance Sub-Committee concluded that the suggested revised budget represented as sound an estimate as could, at this time, be prepared of the needs for financing the Fourth Assembly and that it should be possible, by an intensive effort, to secure the necessary additional resources to finance that budget. The Finance Sub-Committee therefore agreed to recommend:

that the suggested revised budget totalling $459,400 for the Fourth Assembly be approved."

Dr. Carleton asked whether specific authorisation should not be granted for the approaches to churches, mission boards, etc. for support for travel subsidies. Mr. Northam replied that authorisation had already been given at the meeting in August 1966. Dr. Carleton suggested that churches should be notified that help on travel subsidies will also be needed, at the time at which they are asked to contribute to the financing of the basic Assembly Budget.

The Executive Committee then AGREED to adopt the recommendation in paragragh 26.

V. Investment Portfolios

"27. The Finance Sub-Committee reviewed the investment portfolios, and also reviewed investment policy and management procedures, in the light of the comments and recommendations made in a document provided by Mr. Irwin Miller.

28. The Finance Sub-Committee, after discussion, agreed to recommend:

> that approval be given to a recommendation of the Divisional Committee of D.I.C.A.R.W.S. that the Service Programme Reserve of D.I.C.A.R.W.S.be invested on the basis of the same principles as are adopted for the reserves of the W.C.C. and within one common portfolio for the two purposes.

In making this recommendation, it was noted that the nature of these reserves and the risks which they are intended to cover are substantially the same and further that the amounts involved are about $380,000 for the General Reserves of W.C.C. and about $565,000 for the Service Programme Reserve, or in total about $945,000, plus the amount of any addition which may be made to the Service Programme Reserve at December 31, 1966.

29. After an extended discussion of investment policy and management procedures, the Finance Sub-Committee further agreed to recommend, in respect of the portfolio for the General Reserves of the W.C.C. and the Service Programme Reserve:

(i) that the procedure of investment management under the direction of an Investment Advisory Committee be abandoned and replaced by the hiring of management on the basis set out in the following sub-paragraphs;

(ii) that two thirds of the total portfolio be entrusted to an American manager;

(iii) that one third of the total portfolio be entrusted to a Geneva manager;

(iv) that both managers be informed that the objective is growth of portfolio to protect against the loss of real value by inflation, bearing in mind the need for availability of the resources in an emergency;

(v) that growth be measured by taking account of both capital appreciation and income in each calendar year;

(i) that the managers be asked to agree in respect of each calendar year a percentage of the market value at the beginning of the calendar year which might be taken as income for current use and this then be taken irrespective of the actual "income" received in the form of interest and dividends."

During the discussion, the Executive Committee accepted two minor verbal amendments which are incorporated in the above text.

The Executive Committee then AGREED to adopt the recommendations in paragraph 28 and 29.

VI. Division of Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Service

"30. The Divisional Committee last met in November 1966. The position was thus reported direct to the Finance Sub-Committee, without having been reviewed by the Divisional Committee. There are, however, at this time no difficult financial problems related to the Division's operations. The Divisional Committee recently created its own special Finance Sub-Committee, which is initiating its work with a careful review of all financial aspects of the Division's work and which will be holding a special meeting in March and reporting to the next Divisional Committee meeting in April.

(a) Provisional Service Programme Accounts 1966

31. Provisional statements of expenditure on the Service Programme in 1966 indicate total expenditure of $1,470,826. The figures are, of course, not final but the final figures are not expected to vary substantially from the provisional statement. It is expected that total income will amount to about $1,500,000. It is thus foreseen that the final 1966 accounts for operations under the Service Programme will show a small surplus.

32. Provisional figures for expenditure and income on the Service to Refugees operations in 1966 show that gross expenditure at $1,037,818 exceeded budget by $41,318. The gross expenditure could, however, be reduced by $9,776 by use of the unneeded balance of a reserve created to cover anticipated expenditure. Income also exceeded budget level and the accounts can therefore be closed with an allocation of $598,000 from the Service Programme, as compared with the budgeted amount of $600,000.

33. The final figures will, of course, be presented at the next meeting and no action is needed at this time. The result indicated by the provisional figures is,

however, most gratifying, especially when it is recalled that 15 months ago there was grave concern about the adequacy of 1966 income for the Service Programme."

The Executive Committee noted with satisfaction that it is foreseen that balanced accounts will be presented in respect of 1966 activities under the Service Programme - the largest budgetary operation of the World Council in financial terms.

(b) Service Programme Operations 1967

"34. The budgets for the Service Programme and for the operations under the Refugee Programme for 1967 were authorised last August. It is, of course, too early to have any information regarding actual expenses in 1967, no changes in budgets are proposed at this time and no action is needed. There is no reason to expect that 1967 income will be inadequate to finance the 1967 budget."

The Executive Committee received this section for information.

(c) Travel Loan Funds - New Agreement with ICEM

"35. The long negotiations with ICEM concerning a new agreement governing travel loans under the Revolving Fund have been completed and a new agreement concluded. The settlement results in a total sum of $665,758 becoming available to the W.C.C. for refugee work. This is unbudgeted resource which technically becomes available in respect of the period to December 31, 1966. Because it was unbudgeted, it has not been taken into account in the estimates of the outcome of 1966 operations. The settlement also establishes a first priority claim by the World Council of $350,000 against the assets of the new Joint Fund and lays down principles for the distribution between W.C.C. and ICEM of the remaining assets in the event of the termination of Revolving Fund operations. Since the negotiations were not finalised until February 8, 1967, there has been no opportunity for the Divisional Committee to formulate recommendations as to the handling of these resources. The Divisional Committee did however know that a substantial sum might become available and mention has been made in the Divisional Committee of some purposes for which it might be used. It is suggested that action might be deferred until the Central Committee meeting next August, in order that decisions might be based upon discussion in and recommendations from the

Divisional Committee. This could be done by the Executive Committee taking action at this meeting along the following lines:

(i) that in closing the 1966 accounts, all resources becoming available as a result of the new agreement with ICEM be treated as revenue in suspense and carried forward to 1967;

(ii) that the Divisional Committee be invited to submit to the next Central Committee meeting recommendations covering the use of those resources; and

(iii) that the Divisional Committee be advised that the Executive Committee has noted that there may be need to set aside some part of the resources - probably at most $100,000 - for safeguarding the capital position of the travel loan funds and that the Executive Committee is favourably disposed to the suggestions already mentioned in the Divisional Committee that the needs for funding pension rights for field staff and for a Planning Liability Fund for refugee activities might be covered from these resources.

36. The new agreement will also result in a substantial increase, estimated at about $220,000, in income in 1967 from collection fees, over and above the amount included as income in the presently approved budget, and in an increased collection fee in all future years of operation. It may be necessary for some part of the increased income in 1967 - probably at most $125,000 - to be set aside for safeguarding the capital position of the travel loan funds. The use of the increased resources will also be the subject of a recommendation from the Divisional Committee to the Central Committee meeting next August."

Dr. Fry asked that the minutes should record the appreciation of the Executive Committee for the successful and gratifying conclusions by staff of the long and arduous negotiations with ICEM in this matter.

The Executive Committee AGREED to adopt the recommendations in paragraph 35.

(d) Actual and Forecast operations under Travel Loan Funds

"37. The Finance Sub-Committee examined statements of estimated actual operations in 1966 and of forecast operations in 1967 under the Joint Revolving Fund - modified in the light of the new agreement - and under the World Council of Churches Travel Loan Fund

and concluded that the position, taking into account the resources mentioned under paragraphs 35 and 36, is entirely satisfactory."

The Executive Committee received this section for information.

VII. Division of World Mission and Evangelism

"38. The Divisional Committee last met in January/February 1966 and the Executive of the Divisional Committee last met in June/July 1966. The position was thus reported to the Finance Sub-Committee without prior reference to or recommendations from those committees. The Executive of the Divisional Committee will be meeting again next April and the Divisional Committee in August. The position will be reviewed at those meetings and a report and recommendations made to the Central Committee meeting next summer.

(a) First Estimates of Results - Operating Fund 1966

"39. A provisional statement of 1966 expenditure shows total expenses of $190,076 against a budget of $230,825. Provisional figures for income in 1966 indicate actual income of $192,375. Thus the provisional figures suggest that income and expenditure were both substantially below budget level but that income was sufficent to cover expenses and leave a small surplus.

40. Since the accounts will have to be closed before the next meeting in August, the Finance Sub-Committee agreed to recommend that the Executive Committee:

(i) note that the provisional figures for 1966 operations suggest that there may be a small surplus on the year's operations but will in any case be no significant deficit; and

(ii) give authority for any surplus or deficit on 1966 operations to be credited or charged to the Working Capital Fund.

There was a balance of $61,090 brought forward on the Working Capital Fund of D.W.M.E. at the beginning of 1966."

The Executive Committee AGREED to adopt the recommendations in paragraph 40.

(b) Budget - Operating Fund 1967

"41. Approval was given last August for a budget totalling $220,000 for the Operating Fund of DWME for 1967. No action is therefore necessary at this meeting. A review of the expenditure budget and of probable actual expenses for 1967 suggests that expenditure will not rise to the full approved budget level. Detailed information has not yet been received on the basis of which actual income in 1966 can be reviewed to determine why it apparently fell substantially below buget level. (it was known last summer that income would be about $10,000 below budget but the provisional figures suggest that the short-fall was much greater.) It is therefore not yet possible to present a revised forecast of 1967 income but the facts rather suggest that income in 1967 may not reach full budget level. If there should be a deficit on 1967 operations, there is the Working Capital Fund of D.W.M.E. which could be used to cover any deficit.

(c) Activities under Operating Fund after 1967

42. A review of the situation will have to await a report from the Divisional Committee to the Central Committee meeting next August. It would, however, appear that, with the new Director of D.W.M.E. in office and increased activity planned, there may well be need to take action to secure increased income for the Operating Budget of D.W.M.E. from 1968 on, or at least - if some deficit in 1968 were to be admitted and covered from the Working Capital Fund of D.W.M.E. - from 1969 on."

The Executive Committee received the foregoing two sections for information.

VIII. Commission of the Churches on International Affairs

(a) First estimates of C.C.I.A. accounts for 1966

"43. C.C.I.A. operated in 1966 on an authorised expenditure budget of $120,200, with income of $115,000 and a budgeted deficit of $5,200. The balance of working funds brought forward from 1965 was foreseen as adequate to cover any deficit incurred on 1966 operations. First indications suggest that the 1966 accounts will show a deficit lower than $5,200 and that there will remain a balance of working funds to carry forward to 1967."

The Executive Committee received this section for information.

(b) 1967 Budget - C.C.I.A.

"44. The future programme and structure of C.C.I.A. will be considered at The Hague consultation in April. No changes of staff or activity, involving budget changes, are at present foreseen. The Finance Sub-Committee, noting that the balance of working funds brought forward from 1966 should be adequate to finance any actual deficit, therefore agreed to recommend:

> that authority be granted for the operations of C.C.I.A. to be conducted in 1967 on the basis of the same budget as approved for 1966, providing for expenditure of $120,200 against income of $115,000 and showing a deficit of $5,200."

The Executive Committee AGREED to adopt the recommendation in paragraph 44.

IX. Ecumenical Press Service

"45. The Finance Sub-Committee was informed the first provisional estimates of the 1966 accounts for EPS - which is not a unit within the structure of the World Council but is sponsored by six ecumenical organisations - suggest that it will be necessary for the World Council to provide a subsidy of $10,172 as against the budgetary provision of $7,500. The reason for this unfavourable result is the problem of increased postal rates, to which reference was made at the two previous meetings. The Finance Sub-Committee noted this information and the fact that final figures will be reported in August and may be slightly less unfavourable."

The Executive Committee received this section for information.

Dr. Fry expressedthe thanks of the Executive Committee to Dr. Niemöller, the Chairman, and to the other members of the Finance Sub-Committee, and to Mr. Northam, the Secretary, for the considerable work reflected in the above report.

18. Future of the Ecumenical Review

Rev. van den Heuvel introduced a paper outlining the plans for the Ecumenical Review up to the time of the Uppsala Assembly.

The Committee noted the composition of the new

Editorial Board and also accepted the changes proposed in manner of presentation and in general content.

19. New Member Churches

Mr. Micheli summarised the present position with regard to applications for membership in the World Council of Churches. The Committee noted the report, but in view of the short time at its disposal, it was decided that action should be deferred until the next meeting of the Executive Committee when it will make its recommendations to the Central Committee for consideration.

20. Future meetings of the Committee

It was AGREED that the next meeting of the Committee would be held on August 13 and 14, at Heraklion, Crete.

It was AGREED that the meeting in 1968 should be held in Geneva from February 20 to 22. In view of the anticipated amount of business for submission to the Assembly and Central Committee, the meeting might run through Friday, February 23rd.

21. Closing Actions

Dr. Fry, gave a farewell message of appreciation to Father Verghese, Director of the Division of Ecumenical Action, who would be leaving during the summer.

He concluded the meeting with assurances to the new General Secretary of the Committee's support and confidence.

Dr. Payne led the Committee in the closing prayers.

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APPENDIX I

FOURTH ASSEMBLY PROGRAMME

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
July 4	Opening Service (Cathedral)	Business Session	Main Theme Address --- Film
July 5	Bible Study --- Cont. from 'Finality' Study	Business Session	Survey: "The Church and the World"
July 6	Bible Study --- 'Retrospect & Prospect' 'The Nature of Ecumenicity'	Business Session	"Rich and Poor Nations"
July 7 Sunday	Eucharist (Cathedral)	Free	Business --- Gen. Int. to Sections
July 8	Worship --- Int. to Sections I & II	Int. to Sections III & IV	Education --- Mass Communications
July 9	Worship --- Int. to Sections V & VI	Sections (1)	Section Hearings
July 10	Bible Study --- Sections (2)	Sections (3)	Church & Society World Conference Report
July 11	Bible Study --- Sections (4)	Business Session	Use of the Bible --- "Youth in God's World"
July 12	Bible Study --- Sections (5)	Sections (6)	"The City in Mission"

Every day will conclude with brief Evening Worship

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
July 13	Worship --- Business Session	Committees (1)	Section I Report (Plenary)
July 14 Sunday	Free	Free	Free
July 15	Worship --- Sections III & IV Reports	Section II Report	Committees (2)
July 16	Worship --- Sections V & VI Reports	Committees (3)	Relations with Roman Catholics
July 17	Worship --- Committees (4)	Business Session	"The Churches & Human Need"
July 18	Worship --- Committees (5)	Committee Hearings	Committee Reports (Plenary)
July 19	Worship --- Committee Reports (Plenary)	Committee Reports (Plenary)	International Issues
July 20	Plenary Session --- Closing Worship		

Every day will conclude with brief Evening Worship.

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APPENDIX II

REPORT TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FROM THE INTER-DIVISIONAL STAFF COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC JUSTICE

The Mandate of the Executive Committee

This report is a response to the action of the Executive Committee in August 1966, directing "the staff to set up an inter-divisional team to consider especially the implications of the conclusions of the Church and Society Conference with regard to development and international economic justice and to make its first report to the Executive Committee in February 1967".

A staff committee on development was formed in September 1966, with the General Secretary as chairman, and has held four meetings. The following is a brief progress report on its work.

I. Dossier of WCC Documents and Concerns on the Issue of Development

The Committee asked the C.C.I.A. and the various Divisions and Departments of the WCC to assemble relevant documents on the issue of development as a basis for a compilation of World Council concerns in this area. These will be collected and a paper will be prepared showing the range of WCC interests and concerns on this subject.

II. The Theological Basis of the Ecumenical Concern for World Development

The Committee has given much time to an examination of the ecumenical concern (including the appropriate theological approach) for economic development. It appears that the present ecumenical statements on development are indeed based on certain theological ideas but that these seem to vary and in most cases remain undeveloped. Moreover, our different theological approaches have been influenced by varying assumptions regarding the nature of the world development problem and the definition of responsibilities of developed and developing countries. The Committee believes that the discussion of this question begun at the World Conference must continue. What is needed is a more substantially and clearly formulated Christian social ethics of development. Specific questions to be considered :

1. How do we understand the unity of mankind in Christ and how is this understanding to be expressed in terms of Christian responsibility for world economic and social welfare in our times ?

2. What are the biblical and theological foundations for the necessary building up of an international community and its corollary, international social justice ?

3. What are the possibilities and limitations of the term "development" when it is evaluated theologically? What other terms might be used to avoid some of the difficult implications of the word development ?

4. How shall the Church challenge the mounting cynicism, disappointment and disinterest in the developed countries with regard to economic aid to the poorer countries ? How shall it answer the disillusionment and even bitterness in the receiving countries concerning the use of aid to influence improperly their national development ?

5. What, in theological terms, is a "realistic" view of the possibility of rapid change of traditional cultures and social institutions, and what sacrifices should be urged upon all to achieve it ? And what is the moral and spiritual justification for these sacrifices ?

6. How shall Christians approach the conflicts of ethics and ethos which arise in considering goals and criteria of development, especially where such goals seem to be in opposition to fundamental Christian motives and assumptions ? Which are the consequences for our thinking about the Christian style of life ?

7. What is the moral and spiritual responsibility of the Church where "revolutionary" methods of changing individual and social behaviour seem the only way to achieve more rapid development ? (e.g. in overcoming population pressure, tribal and communal tension, class conflicts, unjust patterns of land tenure, etc.)

The Department on Church and Society plans several consultations prior to the Assembly in an effort to press the discussion on these points with theologians and laymen.

III. Other Aspects of the Ecumenical Concern for Economic and Social Development

The Committee devoted considerable attention to other aspects of development which will be under consideration between now and the 4th Assembly. These include :

a) The work of the special Panel set up by SASP, whose study will concentrate on the principles and criteria of Church sponsored economic and social projects.

b) The ongoing activities of the C.C.I.A. which has had "Economic and Social Development" as one of its principal concerns since its inception, and which continues to give major attention to international aspects of economic and social development, especially in relation to the work of inter-governmental agencies.

c) The educational task of the WCC and its member churches in respect of development, and the rôle of the Division of Ecumenical Action in this respect.

The Committee plans to hold enlarged meetings with the staff of DEA and CCIA to consider further these questions.

IV. Co-operation with Roman Catholics

The Joint Working Group has given consideration to the possibility of collaboration in this field and it has been generally agreed that we should engage in common study with the Roman Catholic Church. The announcement of the new Papal Commission on World Peace and Justice, with Msgr. Gremillion as General Secretary, suggests the possibility of co-operation with the Roman Catholic Church in such common study and analysis of the issues of development. It will very likely take time for the Commission to get underway; in the meantime, we must proceed to clarify our own thinking on some of the basic issues. However,the staff group feels that we must develop our own programme in a manner to encourage common study of the theological or technical issues with the Roman Catholics, and we propose to explore this possibility with them, in order that in this realm we may speak with a united voice.

V. Treatment of the Development Question at the Assembly

The Staff Committee has given much time to the question of how the development issue should come before the Assembly. Most members feel that it should be one of the overriding issues of the Assembly, and all agree that the Assembly must be prepared to make a comprehensive statement of the Church's policy and strategy. If the present programme plans for the Assembly are approved by the Central Committee, the issue will come before the Assembly in three ways :

1. In the report to the Assembly on the results of the World Conference on Church and Society, and in the statement of whatever Assembly committee is asked to pass on this report.

2. In the special evening on World Economic Development where presumably one or more authorities on world development problems will be the featured speakers.

3. In the reports of Sections III and IV.

The Staff Committee generally agrees that Section III at the Assembly should provide the main point of focus for the issue of development. It emphasized, at the same time, the need for all other sections to take problems of development into account in the discussion of their own topics. And it stressed, particularly, the need for Section IV to deal with the issue in the context of International Affairs.

The Staff Committee has not yet a specific recommendation concerning a more precise division of labour between Sections III and IV, on the issue of development; but it does agree that the treatment of the issue in these two sections needs further clarification in the interests of a sharper focus on those aspects of the development question which are of particular concern to our churches. It is felt that the facts of rapidly mounting world poluation and food resources should be laid before the Assembly in sober terms, making use of up-to-date statistical estimates. This is of importance, as the background for understanding the mounting social unrest in the world.

VI. Problems of Organization and Administration

Finally, the Staff Committee has given some thought to the future structure of the World Council's work in the area of development. There are, however, still too many variables and we are not prepared to make a recommendation. Much depends on the possibility of co-operation with the new Roman Catholic Commission, the results of the Conference in The Hague on the future of the CCIA, the response of the member churches to the report of the World Conference on Church and Society, the decisions of the Assembly on the issue of development, and the conclusions of the Structure Committee. The Staff Committee therefore recommends that in the course of the preparation for the Assembly there should be further discussion in the staff, and in the Executive and Central Committees of the best way of organizing and administering a programme on development within the World Council. On the basis of these discussions a recommendation could be prepared for the appropriate Assembly Committee.

APPENDIX III

SUGGESTED ORGANIZATIONS TO BE INVITED TO SEND FRATERNAL DELEGATES TO THE FOURTH ASSEMBLY

	Suggested for Uppsala	Also in New Delhi	Also in Evanston
1. National Councils in association with the WCC			
Australian Council of Churches	1	1	1
Ecumenical Council of Churches in Austria	1	-	-
Burma Christian Council	1	1	1
Canadian Council of Churches	2	2	1
Ecumenical Council of Churches in Czechoslovakia	1	1	-
Ecumenical Council in Denmark	1	1	1
Ecumenical Council in Finland	1	1	-
Arbeitsgemeinschaft Christl. Kirchen in Deutschland	1	1	1
Ecumenical Council of Churches in Hungary	1	1	-
National Christian Council of India	1	3	-
National Council of Churches in Indonesia	1	1	1
National Christian Council of Japan	1	1	-
Ecumenical Council of Churches in the Netherlands	1	1	-
National Council of Churches in New Zealand	1	1	1
Philippine National Council of Churches	1	1	1
Polish Ecumenical Council	1	1	-
Christian Council of Rhodesia	1	(Observer)	-
Christian Council of South Africa	1	1	-
Swedish Ecumenical Council	3	1	1
British Council of Churches	1	1	1
National Council of the Churches of Christ, USA	2	1	1
Total	25		
2. World Organizations			
The Advisory Council on Missionary Strategy, Anglican Communion	1	1	-
Baptist World Alliance	1	1	1
Conference of Oriental Orthodox Churches	1	-	-
Friends World Committee for Consultation	1	1	1
International Congregational Council	1	1	1
Lutheran World Federation	1	1	1
Old Catholic International Organization	1	-	-
United Bible Societies	1	1	1
World Alliance of YMCA's	1	1	1
World Association for Christian Broadcasting	1	-	-
World Convention of Churches of Christ (Disciples)	1	1	1
World Council of Christian Education and Sunday School Association	1	1	1
World Methodist Council	1	1	1
World Presbyterian Alliance	1	1	1
World Student Christian Federation	1	1	1
World YWCA	1	1	1
Total	16		

	Suggested for Uppsala	Also in New Delhi	Also in Evanston
3. Regional Councils			
All Africa Conference of Churches	1	-	-
Provisional Cttee.for Lt.American Evang.Unity	1	-	-
Conference of European Churches	1	-	-
East Asia Christian Conference	1	-	-
Pacific Conference of Churches	1	-	-
(Near East Council of Churches)	1	1	1
Total	6		
4. National Councils affiliated with DWME, not otherwise listed			
Federacion de Iglesias Evangelicas, Argentine	1	1	1
Division of Mission, Australian Council of Churches	1	1	-
Missionary Council in Austria	1	-	-
Mission Protestante de Belgique	1	-	-
Confederaçao Evangelica de Brasil	1	1	1
National Christian Council, Ceylon	1	1	-
Concilio Evangélico de Chile	1	-	-
National Christian Council, China	1	-	-
Consejo Evangelico de Cuba	1	1	-
Dansk Missionsraad	1	-	-
Suomen Lähetysneuvosto, Finland	1	-	-
Société des Missions Evangéliques de Paris	1	1	-
Deutscher Evangelischer Missionsrat	1	-	-
Christian Council Ghana	1	1	-
Conference of Missionary Societies in Great Britain and Ireland	1	1	-
Hong Kong Christian Council	1	1	-
Jamaica Council of Churches	1	1	-
National Christian Council Korea	1	1	1
Christian Council Madagascar	1	1	-
Christian Council of Malaysia and Singapore	1	1	1
Concilio Evangélico de México	1	-	1
Nederlandsche Zendingsraad	1	1	-
East Pakistan Christian Council	1	1	-
West Pakistan Christian Council	1	1	-
Concilio Evangélico de Puerto Rico	1	1	-
United Christian Council, Sierra Leone	1	1	-
Svenska Missionsradet	1	1	-
Conseil Suisse des Missions Evangéliques	1	1	-
National Christian Council, Thailand	1	1	-
Federacion de Iglesias Evangélicas del Uruguay	1	1	1
Christian Council of Zambia	1	1	-
Total	31		
GRAND TOTAL	77		

If the Executive Committee agrees that invitations should be sent out to the 77 above mentioned councils or organizations, it would still be possible to invite later 8 additional people to make up the total of 85 Fraternal Delegates, which number has been agreed by the Central Committee.

APPENDIX IV

PREPARATORY VOLUMES FOR THE FOURTH ASSEMBLY

I. Pre-Assembly booklet

The English edition has now been printed, 100,000 copies in Germany and 100,000 copies are being printed in the USA. The French and German editions will be ready in another month's time. Editions in other languages are in preparation and it seems to be possible to have editions in 27 other languages.

II. From New Delhi to Uppsala

This volume, which is the Central Committee's report to the Assembly on the work between New Delhi and Uppsala, is in the process of being written. The Executive Committee received a document giving impressions on the contents.

III. Assembly Work-book

This volume will contain mainly preparatory material for the committee meetings at the Assembly. The various divisions and departments will prepare recommendations for their future work. Staff are in the process of drafting the necessary documents for the work-book to be worked on at the various divisional and departmental meetings in the course of the summer 1967 in order that the Central Committee in its meeting in Crete can receive a report on the contents of the Assembly work-book.

IV. Sectional documentation

There will be a separate volume meant for the preparation of the sections at the Assembly. The material for this is in the process of being prepared and will be submitted to the preparatory meetings for sections, of which the meeting for section I will take place in Geneva from April 18 - 19 and for sections II - VI from August 10 - 12 in Geneva. The sectional documents will be presented to the Central Committee for amendments and approval at its meeting in Crete.

All the preparatory documents will be printed in the three official languages, English, German and French, and it is hoped that they could be sent to Assembly participants no later than January 1968.

APPENDIX V

PRESS ACCREDITATION AND ATTENDANCE AT THE FOURTH ASSEMBLY

A. The Executive Committee authorized as an absolute maximum for press accreditation at Uppsala the figure of 750. However, the actual figure is likely to be somewhat lower and out of the total some 100 to 150 would be specialists of radio, TV, film and photography, the rest being written information and press. Nevertheless it seems necessary to determine immediately some strict rules about accreditation in order to avoid an unbalanced representation, and especially to avoid the accreditation of persons holding a brief e.g. for a local church paper even though they have no competence as reporters or journalists but are simply using this as a device to attend the Assembly. (A problem of that kind arose at New Delhi.) The following principles for accreditation are therefore recommended:

B. General principles

1. Wire services, daily and weekly secular newspapers, and major radio and TV stations shall be entitled to be represented by one person. (See below rules for photographers.) Requests for more representatives in this category may be granted at the discretion of the Director of the Department of Information. In the case of TV stations, a team will normally be considered as one representative.

2. Denominational, interdenominational or non-denominational Christian papers or journals will be entitled to be represented by one of their regular contributors, either a member of their editorial staff or a freelance journalist.

3. Reviews or magazines of national importance will be entitled to ask for the accreditation of one representative each.

4. Information offices of member churches, national councils of churches, and international confessional bodies will be entitled to ask for the accreditation of one official representative each, in addition to those already present as coopted staff.

5. Wire agencies, daily papers and weekly papers shall be entitled to apply for the accreditation of one photographer each in addition to the writer mentioned above. Other photographers might receive a pass valid only for sessions authorized by the Business Committee.

C. Press attendance at sections, committees, sub-sections and sub-committees.

At New Delhi press were allowed to attend meetings as follows:

a. Plenary sessions: unrestricted attendance (unless the session was declared closed).

b. Sections: 5 journalists were allowed to attend each section, and 3 each sub-section, at the discretion of the responsible presiding officers.

c. Committees: same rule.

d. Nominations Committee, Policy Reference Committees, Business Committee, Credentials Committee, Message Committee: no press attendance.

The application of numerus clausus in sections, sub-sections and committees proved difficult, frustrating and dangerous: nobody was satisfied in the press and, the sections not being open to everyone, those not allowed to attend felt free to pick up rumours.

At the Montreal conference, the press were allowed in all commissions and sub-commissions. They were, however, requested to register for one commission and one of its sub-commissions, as did conference members; in other terms, journalists were treated as silent participants in the conference. They were under a pledge to report only about documents presented and approved in plenary sessions and discussion carried on in plenary sessions. All documents studied in commissions and sub-commissions and all statements made in these commissions and sub-commissions were not to be quoted. No individual statement made in these groups could be quoted either, but if the person concerned was willing to do so, a personal interview on the point made could be granted later. This system worked out very satisfactorily; the press representatives officially expressed their gratitude at the end of the conference, and no breach of the rules mentioned above was reported.

It is recommended that a similar system should be applied at the Fourth Assembly, as follows:

1. All journalists should be allowed to attend plenary sessions, and seats should therefore be reserved for them.

2. Sections and committees and their sub-units shall be open to press attendance unless otherwise specified; the number of press admitted to each will be fixed ahead of time according to the size of the section or committee concerned and to available facilities. All journalists interested shall be requested to register for one of the sections and one of the committees and be allowed to follow their work, but with no right to quote documents or statements presented in the sessions of these sections and committees. The press could, however, through the Press Committee, ask for private interviews from any member of the Assembly under his own responsibility. They should be encouraged to ask the Press Committee to arrange press conference with Assembly members who have made particularly important points or statements.

3. The presiding officer of each section or committee shall have the right at any moment to declare a session closed according to the nature of the agenda.

4. Photographers, film, radio and TV representatives shall as a rule not be allowed to work in sections, sub-sections, committees, or sub-committees; however, they may apply for special authorization to record or film part of the proceedings through the Assembly Press Committee. The presiding officer of the unit concerned and the Business Committee shall have the final decision.

5. Certain committees, such as the Nominations Committee, the Business Committee, the Credentials Committee, and the Message Committee shall be closed to the press.

6. Any infringement of these rules should immediately result in withdrawal of accreditation.

Note: According to present evaluations, the staff of the Department of Information is of the opinion that not more than 350 press representatives would apply for participation in the work of a section or committee. This would mean on an equal basis a maximum of about 60 journalists per section, and a much lower figure for committees. In order to avoid over-crowding of some sections by press, journalists should be requested when applying to mention first, second and third choices, and a maximum figure set for each section and committee according to physical facilities. For participation in the work of sub-sections and sub-committees, clearance will be necessary at a later stage with presiding officers, hopefully on the same basis as for sections and committees. It will be recognized that some sub-committees might need to be closed altogether to the press.

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APPENDIX VI

Report to the Committee on Structure

(Meeting in London from the evening of Thursday, February 16th to Saturday, February 18th, 1967 in the afternoon)

Foreword

Due to circumstances beyond the control of the General Secretariat, the Central Committee or the Executive Committee, the work of the special Committee on Structure has been delayed so much that it appears to be impossible before the next Assembly fully to carry out the comprehensive review of structure with recommendations for change which was originally envisioned at New Delhi, (p. 351-357 paras. 49-61, and p. 162) for which a committee was erected at Rochester (see Central Committee minutes Sections G & H, pp. 27-28) and as still envisioned at Enugu (see Central Committee minutes Section D, pp. 24-29).

The new General Secretary expresses his appreciation to the Committee for delaying its meeting until he could have opportunity to make some preparation for its further work, even though this delay leaves very little time for it to prepare its report to the Central Committee and thence to the Assembly at Uppsala. The purpose of this memorandum is to suggest to the Committee the scope and outline of its report as it now appears possible together with recommendations as to some substantive matters.

I

Preliminary Remarks.

1. It is the judgement of the General Secretary that in this period between New Delhi and Uppsala the Committee on Structure should not attempt to formulate any major change in the Divisional Structure of the W.C.C. In addition to the shortness of time mentioned above there are other reasons for delay:

   a) Important changes in divisional staff leadership which have already occurred or are to occur. Necessary replacement of key personnel will be impossible if major structural change is contemplated by 1968.

   b) The full implications of the Integration of the IMC and the WCC are not yet clear to the whole constituency of the World Council.

   c) The issues relating to the Division of Studies (see Central Committee minutes Enugu, p. 28) remain to be resolved.

   d) The illness of Dr. Cooke makes it impossible to move forward on considerations such as a service unit for the whole Council etc.

2. It is the judgement of the General Secretary that in this time of transition from the long period of responsibility of the first General Secretary to that of the third, the time will be best used employing to the fullest the present structure (with minor modifications which will be suggested in this report) while continuing to examine the present structure with a view to getting from the Assembly at Uppsala sufficient authority to make necessary legislative changes to coincide with the election of a third General Secretary who will be expected to carry them out. This procedure is agreeable with the conviction of the present General Secretary

that the functions of the W.C.C. are prior to and more important than structure and that the primary task just now is to come to agreement as to precisely what functions, within the constitution, the churches wish the World Council to perform on their behalf. The present structure can be used in the meantime to do whatever the churches through their representatives decide should be done.

3. It is the judgement of the General Secretary that presently the structure of the World Council of Churches is too complex and too intricate in view of the financial resources so far made regularly available by the constituency. On the other hand, if the churches should decide at Uppsala to press the council to fulfil as wide a range of functions as are presently departmentalized and even add to them,the structure of the Council might have to be further developed to handle them.

4. It is the judgement of the General Secretary that the tendency to single out more and more programs or secretariats to be directly responsible to the General Secretary must be resisted since a Divisional Structure is designed to enable the General Secretary to delegate direct Administrative control to a relatively small group of responsible colleagues.

In the light of the above judgements the General Secretary respectfully makes the following proposals for the consideration of the Committee on Structure for long range implementation and to the Executive Committee for such current approval as is within its competence. (Due to the time schedule it seemed necessary to use this one report for both committees which are meeting in February near and in London consecutively. The chairman of the Committee on Structure has been invited to the meeting of the Executive Committee in order to be informed by

its discussions and decisions and to participate in them in order to protect the interests of the Committee on Structure).

II

Proposals

A. The Assembly and Central Committee. In view of the fact that we appear to be facing a period of slow rather than rapid growth of the membership of the Council, the decisions already taken with regard to the size of the Assembly (see Central Committee minutes Enugu, Section E (b), pp. 30-32) and the size and composition of the Central Committee after Uppsala should stand (see minutes of Enugu Central Committee, Section D(ii) p. 24

B. The General Secretariat. The Central Committee at Enugu received a recommendation with regard to the General Secretariat (see Central Committee minutes Enugu, Section D (iii) a,b,c,d, p. 26,) as follows:

"a) that the earliest possible appointment of an additional Associate General Secretary without divisional responsibilities be made,

b) that the present office of Assistant General Secretary be replaced by the appointment of an Administrative Secretary,

c) that the staff leadership of the World Council of Churches be widely representative of different confessions and nationalities , and in particular

d) that the Central Committee be alert to the importance of strengthening the representation of the Orthodox Churches in the World Council staff as a whole, and especially in relation to the General Secretariat."

It is noted that the Executive Committee is now responsible to bring to the next meeting of the Central Committee (Crete) "specific proposals regarding the strengthening of the General Secretariat" in the light of the four recommendations of Policy Reference Committee I (above) which were remitted to the Executive Committee but not legislated. Since that time a new General Secretary has been elected and is now in office. He makes the following recommendations with regard to the General Secretariat:

1. That general approval be given of the policy of using one of the Associate General Secretaries as his deputy when a deputy is needed and to enhance, so far as their other duties permit, their functioning as Associate General Secretaries to participate in the General Administration of the work of the Council.

2. That approval be given for there being two Assistant General Secretaries (presently each half time) both responsible to assist the General Secretary as needed in any area of his responsibility, one centering however on internal administration and the other on external relationships.

3. That approval be given after Uppsala for a third Assistant General Secretary to be specifically responsible for relations with National and Regional Councils. (It should be understood that after Uppsala there might be as many as three Assistant General Secretaries or as few as two full time).

4. That approval be given, for the present, that the General Secretary be responsible for Personnel, directly supervising the personnel office which has been separated from the Department of Finance and Administration.

5. That it be noted that the General Secretary is in the process of examining the publishing functions of the Council including periodicals, news, (press and radio), books and occasional reports, and that it may be expected that a consolidation of responsibility for these functions together with translations, and a relocation of them within the structure of the W.C.C. will possibly occur. Provison has been made for the editing of the Ecumenical Review from July 1967 through July 1968 by an Editorial Committee as follows: Blake, Editor. Nissiotis, Assistant Editor. Van den Heuvel, Managing Editor, and Asheim, Barot, Itty, Löffler, Potter, van den Heuvel, editors and that further reports should be expected about post-Uppsala plans for the Ecumenical Review and other periodicals.

6. That in order to begin to meet the proper Orthodox concern for their fuller participation in the whole life of the Council, it be noted that in connection with filling vacancies among the Associate General Secretaries, Orthodox candidates for one or more posts shall have priority (see item 1 above) and that immediate steps are being taken to seek to create a number of new positions to be occupied by members of the several Orthodox and Oriental Churches of our membership.

7. That it be noted that the structural relationship of CCIA to the W.C.C. and to the General Secretariat is being discussed in a Consultation at The Hague in April following, the assignment given to the General Secretary by the Central Committee at Enugu (see minutes Central Committee Enugu, Section D (viii) (a), p. 28 and App. Section H p. 115). After this Consultation the General Secretary will propose to the Central Committee (after consultation with Structure Committee, the Executive Committee and the C.C.I.A. itself), any changes in structure or relationship which seem to be required or appropriate for the period after Uppsala.

C. Finance and Administration. It has been clear for some time that the growth of the World Council has put such pressures upon the Department of Finance and Administration that certain changes are required, whether further decentralization within the department itself or removal from it of certain traditional functions or both. It has been noted above in Section B that Personnel has been removed from the Department. The General Secretary expects in the next few months to examine with the Director and his colleagues all the functions of the Department, with the view of relieving the burdens presently falling upon the Director, which not only are unfair to him but have caused unreasonable delays or lack of necessary attention to some of the Departmental functions. It would be premature at this stage to suggest what changes should be determined.

D. Area Secretaries. The Division of Inter-Church Aid, Refugees and World Service established area secretaryships in 1961 in order to carry out its responsibilities in its programs and projects. When this decision was taken, it quite naturally raised the question as to whether these officers should have more general responsibilities in their areas, some feeling, for example, that this Service structure would inevitably tend to distort the whole work of the W.C.C. by an undue emphasis on Service as against World Mission and Evangelism or Ecumenical Action (Youth, Laity, Co-operation of men and women). While it is clear that this question cannot be finally resolved apart from the general questions of Divisonal Structure, it appears to the General Secretary that it would be wrong to enlarge the functions of the area Secretaries presently under DICARWS for the following reasons:

1. There should be no tendency to increase central administration of the World Council based at Geneva to operate throughout the world. On the contrary DICARWS itself, as well as the World Council generally, is committed to the position that the improvement of ecumenical programs in the various areas of the world is and should be dependent upon the strengthening of National and Regional Councils (see Recommendation B 3 above).
2. The area secretaries have already responsibilities that are full time.
3. The area secretaries are supported by service gifts for service requirements and there is no prospect of a sufficient increase in general or DWME budgets to support area secretaries with general W.C.C. responsibility. It should be noted here that items a and b of the Central Committee resolution under the heading of "Area Secretaryships" have been already accomplished. (See CC minutes Enugu Section D (vi) p. 27).

E. Other matters (including unfinished business listed by Strucutre Committee in its report to Enugu Central Committee, see minutes p. 116).

1. Expenses for members of the Central Committee, Executive Committee, and the Departmental and Divisional Committees.

The General Secretary, fully conscious of the reasons for dissatisfaction and uneasiness with the present policy by which member churches are responsible for the travel and expenses of their members on the Central and Executive Committees and are asked to support the attendance of their members on Divisional, Departmental and Ad Hoc Committees so far as they are able, nevertheless feels that no financial possibility has been suggested so far which would make a change possible. It should be noted furthermore, that under the present system, when it seems right or necessary, the W.C.C. does subsidize the attendance of members of churches which cannot or will not provide for such attendance.

2. There is no immediate prospect for the establishment of an Ecumenical Research Institute.
3. The Secretariat on Religious Liberty seems to present no structure problem presently. Future changes depend rather on problems of function and program.
4. The matter of the New York office should await study in the post-Uppsala period.
5. The General Secretary believes that the Library is properly located under the General Secretariat and requests the re-establishment of a library committee consisting of staff members and local Geneva experts who will make regular examination of library policies and operations, channeling recommend-ations through the Librarian to the General Secretary to the Executive and Central Committees.

F. <u>The Report of the Committee on Structure to the Central Committee.</u>

The General Secretary believes that the structure committee may be able to prepare its major report to the Central Committee meeting at Crete (with the understanding that certain specifics will not be ready for consideration by the Central Committee until just before the Uppsala Assembly.) It is recommended that the report should be on the following lines:

1. The remit of the Committee as it has been developed out of the actions of the New Delhi Assembly and the sub-sequent actions of the Central Committee.
2. An outline of the steps already taken by the Central Committee to meet the concerns of the New Delhi Assembly.
3. A listing of the concerns not yet met.
4. A proposal to the Assembly for the action it should take to delegate sufficient power to the next Central Committee to do a thorough examination of basic divisional structure and to implement its decision before the Fifth Assembly.

Respectfully submitted

Eugene Carson Blake
General Secretary

APPENDIX VII

THE HAGUE CONSULTATION

on the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs

A G E N D A

1. To review and consider the theological bases.

2. The Chairman and Director will successively report on the first twenty years taking into account:

   a) a report of the C.C.I.A. Executive, and

   b) replies to their questionnaire to Commissioners.

   This will be followed by three critiques of the reports and suggestions on the future orientation of C.C.I.A.

3. To re-examine the international situation, existing and emerging, and to identify the areas of main ecumenical concern so that the W.C.C. can continue to make its proper contribution to peace, justice and freedom.

4. To consider the future role of C.C.I.A. in relation to this contribution (see 3 above).

5. To consider the future administration and structure of C.C.I.A. under the following headings:

   (a) Aims
   (b) Functions
   (c) Ethos and Methods of Work
   (d) Deployment of Resources
   (e) Organisation of the Commission
   (f) Relationships

APPENDIX VIII

RELATIONS BETWEEN THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN THE USA AND THE UNITED STATES CONFERENCE FOR THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

Pursuant to the adoption of a new constitution by the NCCCUSA, and the integration of the joint office in New York of the WCC and the U.S. Conference with the New York office of the DWME, the liaison committee for the NCCCUSA and the U.S. Conference for the WCC recommends to the Executive Committee of the U.S. Conference, the Executive Committee of the NCC, and the Executive Committee of the WCC, the following statement :

The direct access of the World Council, the National Council and the U.S. Conference to member churches, and of member churches to each of these bodies, is assured and cannot be restricted.

I. The World Council of Churches and the National Council of Churches

A. The NCC is an associated council of the WCC. The NCC is invited to send a fraternal delegate to the WCC Assembly and a representative to the Central Committee of the WCC with the right to speak but not to vote.

B. The NCC is also an affiliated council of the Commission on World Mission and Evangelism.

C. The New York office of the WCC provides liaison for the WCC with member churches in the United States and with the NCC.

II. The United States Conference for the WCC

The U.S. Conference for the WCC is an autonomous organization established by and composed of the member churches of the WCC in the United States. Its purpose is to provide a unified channel for those churches in relation to the WCC, and for the WCC in its services to those churches. The Conference maintains jointly with the WCC a New York office. This joint office is responsible for :

A. The cultivation and channeling of the financial support of the WCC by the American churches.*

B. The interpretation of the World Council of Churches and its program to American churches and the American public, and interpretation to the World Council of developments within and concerns of the American churches and the American public.

C. Provision of liaison between units of the NCC and of the WCC, Wherever existing or proposed organizational arrangements make it possible the World Council normally looks to the National Council to carry on in the USA all interdenominational phases of the World Council's program in the latter's behalf and in

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*Underlined statements are quoted from the last formal statement approved by General Board of NCC February, 1961, although the names of units and offices in the NCC have been altered to correspond to present designations.

accordance with its established policies. In the case of each program which it is proposed that the National Council undertake in behalf of the World Council, there shall be consultation and agreement with the Executive Committee of the U.S. Conference in advance.

III. Relationships between units of the WCC and units of the NCC

The New York office of the WCC and of the U.S. Conference provides liaison between units of the WCC and of the NCC. In some instances, by joint agreement, direct working relationships may be established between units of the two councils. In these instances, the New York office is to be kept fully informed. Special provisions in working relationships between the two councils are indicated below:

A. The Commission of the Churches on International Affairs of the WCC works directly with the International Affairs Commission of the NCC.

B. The Division of Interchurch Aid, Refugee and World Service of the WCC works through the following relationships :

1. The Division of Overseas Ministries of the NCC acts in the United States for the DICARWS in :

   a. representing to the NCC and to its member bodies the concerns of the WCC in care of refugees, emergency aid, disaster relief, and the wider meaning of interchurch aid.

   b. commending to the appropriate agencies of member churches the budget, service program and projects of DICARWS; securing support for them, and receiving and forwarding such funds to Geneva. DICARWS does not enter into direct relationships with member agencies of DOM, except in consultation with DOM.

2. The Secretary for Mission and Service in the New York office, as a staff member of DICARWS and consultant staff member of DOM, bears special responsibility for representing the interest of DICARWS to DOM and its member agencies.

3. The Ecumenical Exchange and Scholarship Program of the Division of Overseas Ministries is responsible for that part of the WCC Ecumenical Scholarship Exchange which has to do with scholarships in the U.S.A. for theological students and students in other faculties from other countries and for American theological students going to other countries.

C. The Division of World Mission and Evangelism of the WCC works through the following relationships :

1. The Division of Overseas Ministries and the Division of Christian Life and Mission of the NCC having been desiganted by the NCC for this purpose act in the United States for the DWME in :

   a. representing to the NCC and to its member bodies the concerns of the WCC in mission and evangelism.

b. commending to the appropriate agencies of member churches and of the NCC the budget and program budget of the DWME, securing support for them (and in some cases receiving such funds for forwarding to Geneva). DWME does not enter into direct relationships with member agencies of DOM or DCLM in the U.S.A. except in consultation with those divisions.

2. The Secretary for Mission and Service in the New York office, as a staff member of DWME, and consultant staff member of DOM and DCLM, bears special responsibility for representing the interests of DWME to DOM, DCLM and their member agencies.

3. The New York office of the Theological Education Fund maintains such working relations as may be helpful with units of the NCC.

4. The Christian Literature Fund maintains relationships with the Committee on Literacy and Literature.

5. The Committee on the Church and Jewish People maintain relationships with the Committee on Ecumenical Affairs of the Division of Christian Unity.

D. The Division of Ecumenical Action of the WCC works through the following relationships:

1. The staff of the New York office maintains and develops working relationships and procedures on behalf of the Division with appropriate units of NCC and the member churches.

2. The Commission on Ecumenical Voluntary Service, NCC, is responsible for proposing and administering the work camp projects to be carried out under the auspices of the WCC in the U.S.A., and for recruiting and screening American participants in the whole work camp program of the WCC.

3. The Department of Youth Ministry, NCC, with the United Christian Youth Movement and youth work in the Division of Christian Education work in cooperation with the Youth Department of the WCC in furthering the interests of the latter among the youth of the American churches.

E. The Division of Studies of the WCC works through the following relationships :

1. The staff of the New York office maintains and develops working relationships and procedures on behalf of the Division with appropriate units of NCC and the member churches.

2. The Department of Faith and Order, NCC, conducts a program of faith and order studies in the U.S.A. in cooperation with the WCC Division of Studies and the Commission of Faith and Order; in consultation with the Canadian Council of Churches.

F. The Department of Information of the WCC, through the staff of the New York office, maintains and develops working relationships and procedures with appropriate units of the NCC and member churches.

IV. Staff Relationships and Services

A. Pursuant to I. A. above, General Secretary of the NCC, or somebody desiganted by him, serves as a fraternal delegate to the WCC Assembly, and as a representative to the Central Committee of the WCC with the right to speak but not to vote.

B. The Executive Secretary of the U.S. Conference, or somebody designated by him, serves as a fraternal delegate to the NCC General Assembly and General Board. Two additional places as fraternal delegates to the General Assembly of the NCC are allocated to staff of the joint office, which places are filled in consultation with the Executive Secretary of the U.S. Conference. The Secretary for Mission and Service is a consultant staff member of DOM and DCLM. The Executive Secretary of the U.S. Conference, in consultation with the General Secretary of the NCC, arranges such additional staff representation on such units of the NCC as may be desired.

C. The General Secretary of the NCC, or somebody designated by him, serves as consultant to the U.S. Conference for the WCC and to its Executive Committee. The General Secretary of the NCC, in consultation with the Executive Secretary of the U.S. Conference, arranges staff representation on such committees of the U.S. Conference as may be desired.

D. Geneva staff officers of the WCC on field work in the U.S. work out of the New York office of the WCC on schedules arranged by the New York office, in collaboration with the Associate General Secretary for Christian Unity, and the interested units of the NCC.

E. Requests from the WCC for NCC staff services or for membership of NCC staff in WCC committees shall be subject to decision by the General Secretary of the NCC.

F. Attendance of members of NCC staff in overseas conferences of the WCC shall be cleared with the General Secretary of the NCC, with notification sent in advance to the Executive Secretary of the WCC in New York.

APPENDIX IX

R E P O R T

of the Division of Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Service to the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Executive Committee,

At one of the first Monday morning "cultes" after we moved into the new headquarters building in Geneva, you, Sir, warned those of us who work there against the danger of becoming institutionalised and impersonal in our service, of degenerating into mere ciphers and machines. This is surely one of the occupational hazards that the Division of Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Service is particularly exposed to because of the scale and diversity of what we strive to do on behalf of the churches. We deal by the dozen with guests at Casa Locarno; by the score with scholarships; by the thousand with refugees and migrants; with feeding programmes for children by the hundred thousand; and with dollars by the million for emergencies and projects. But always, and above all else, our work is concerned with people, and so, behind all the bulky files we accumulate and the often astronomical statistics that are one measure of our work, we do strive, as a Division, constantly to remember the men, women and children whom these things represent. It is our endeavour to keep our touch human. For this reason I am venturing for once to reverse what is common WCC practice by referring to staff matters first and not last in this report.

1. Staff

Dr. Leslie E. Cooke.

For more than three months now our work, as a Division, has been conducted in the shadow of the ordeal through which Leslie Cooke has been passing and I am sure that the Committee will wish to have the latest prognosis from his doctors about the expected course and duration of his illness. Dr. Cooke became ill at the end of October while he was representing the Division in Canada. He was able to travel to New York where he entered hospital. Surgery was prescribed and an operation was performed which removed what is described in medical terms as "a deep-seated, but benign, cyst" from his brain. This operation has been completely successful and the doctors are confident that ultimately Leslie Cooke will be restored to full physical, mental and spiritual health. But, as was always expected by the surgeons, his progress to recovery has fluctuated so that, from time to time, there have been set-backs, and a protracted period of convalescence, extending over many months and probably into the summer of this year, will be necessary.

Dr. Cooke, Mrs. Cooke, and all in the World Council have been sustained during these past months by the extraordinary demonstration of affection, sympathy and prayerful support of all those who know him. It has been massive and worldwide and I take this opportunity to express on his behalf gratitude to all. I would especially underline the devoted care given from the very beginning by Fred and Nancy Nolde. Their attention included not only almost daily visits to Dr. Cooke in the hospital, but frequent telephone calls and letters to Mrs. Cooke in Geneva. During these weeks when they are absent from New York, Dr. Floyd Honey and Miss Eleanor Kent Browne are assuring frequent visits to Dr. Cooke.

Miss Maragaret Jaboor.

Miss Jaboor retired at the end of December from the staff of the Refugee Programme which she had served for fifteen years, latterly as director. During her time with the World Council her skill and creativity as an administrator has contributed to the renewal of hope and security for some 300,000 uprooted persons. As its meeting in November the Divisional Committee passed a special Minute in which it affirmed that her place in the ecumenical movement is secure and that she had helped to make the World Council of Churches' Refugee Programme "one of the most sensitive yet comprehensive services offered by the voluntary agencies".

Miss Madeleine Barot

At the beginning of January Dr. Barot moved from the Department on the Cooperation of Men and Women in Church, Family and Society, which she had served with such distinction for so long, to the Division where she is inaugurating an entirely new desk - that of Development Education Secretary.

Refugee Programme appointments

At the last meeting of the Executive Committee, Dr. Cooke reported that the Division was in process of reorganising its Refugee Programme under the direction of Dr. John B. Holt. This reorganisation has now been completed and has led to proposals which are now before the Staffing Committee of the Executive Committee. These are: the appointment of Miss Frances Martin as Social Services Officer (Miss Martin was for seven years Principal of the Josephine Butler College, Liverpool, England; an Anglican institution which trains Christian workers for social service), and of Mr. Louis van Ouwenaller, a veteran colleague, as Programme Officer.

Central Administration

Mr. Jens Thomsen and Mr. Dominique Micheli have moved to the General Secretariat of the WCC. Mr. Schot, the Division's Secretary for Finance, has taken on, under a revised distribution of duties, many of the responsibilities that Mr. Thomsen had assumed as Administrative Secretary, while Mrs. Baehr and the Deputy Director have assumed others. To assist Mr. Schot in his financial

responsibilities, the appointment of Mr. Sunny Kuruvilla - an Indian citizen and a member of the Mar Thoma Church - is being proposed as an associate to Mr. Schot.

Africa desk

Dr. Z.K. Matthews left the Division at the end of August last year to become Botswana's Ambassador in the USA and his country's Permanent Representative to the United Nations. A Co-Secretary for Africa, to work with Mr. Jean Fischer, is being sought.

2. Current emergency actions

It must be a matter for great thankfulness that the period since the Executive Committee last met has been relatively light in natural catastrophes calling for widespread action through the Division. Only one needs to be mentioned here. During the latter part of August a series of earthquake tremors in Eastern Anatolia, Turkey, destroyed so much property over a wide, isolated and mountainous area that 100,000 people were left homeless. An emergency appeal was put out by the Division and brought so heartening a response that on behalf of the member churches the Division was able to offer assistance to the Turkish authorities in a rehousing programme. This offer was cordially accepted, and working in the closest collaboration with the national and local government representatives we have been engaged in a two-phased operation. Phase 1 has been the provision of temporary winter housing for two villages - Akgelin and Tazdibek. With the help of a considerable amount of prefabricated building material, other than timber, which was found by related ICA agencies in a number of European countries, it was possible to complete Phase 1 before the end of November and prior to the first snowfalls which make construction impossible. About 90 families have been provided with substantial, insulated shelters to help them survive the winter. In the spring, when building again becomes possible, Phase 2 - the building of permanent houses - will begin and a third village will be added to the two already mentioned.

3. Project List

The 1967 Project List has been circulated to the member churches and makes it clear that it is published "by DICARWS in cooperation with the Division of World Mission and Evangelism". This gives a new form to an old reality and testifies to the developing relationships between the two Divisions. I shall be glad to make copies available to any member of the Committee.

4. Relationships with Roman Catholics

By the time this report is in your hands, several members of the Divisional Committee and four of our staff will have participated in a second meeting of the DICARWS - Roman Catholic Working Group from January 21-23 in Rome. Specific topics are four: measures to combat hunger in India; Vietnam; Africa programmes, with special attention to refugees; cooperation with FAO.

5. Hunger in India

The programme launched early in 1966 to attempt to strike at the root causes of hunger in India gathered considerable momentum during the year and many extremely hopeful projects are now underway. Some two-thirds of the appeal for $ 3,000,000 have now been assured and the prospects are good that the remaining one million dollars will be forthcoming.

This special programme is being carried out by CORAGS, the Committee on Relief and Gift Supplies of the National Christian Council of India. The work is being coordinated by a new body known as AFPRO - Action for Food Production-on which CORAGS is represented alongside agencies of the Roman Catholic Church and one secular agency. At the request of the Division the Deputy Director together with the Asia Secretary and Father Paul Verghese as representatives of the WCC attended AFPRO's meeting in December.

6. SASP

To add to SASP's proven usefulness, it has been decided to add a Panel on Economic Development to the other Panels on Press and Publications, Urban and Community Development, Agriculture and Rural Development, and Medical Work. A working party met in January to draw up the new panel's mandate.

7 Meetings

At the invitation of Bishop John Hines, the new chairman of the Divisional Committee on Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Service, the next meeting of the Divisional Committee will take place in New York in April.

Arrangements are being made for a European Consultation on Inter-Church Aid to be held towards the end of this year. A Preparatory Commission to work out arrangements and agenda has been appointed and will meet February 22-24 in Geneva.

8. Finance

The Finance Committee will be reporting on the financial state of the Division. All that it is necessary to say here is that money continues to flow at a most encouraging rate for all those activities with which the Division is associated and that the Service Programme budget for 1966, which had occasioned some concern at the end of 1965, was balanced without drawing on reserves or incurring a deficit.